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# Excelsior Village Academies

## Minutes

### Excelsior Village Academies' Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Saturday March 15, 2025 at 11:00 AM

#### Location

The Excelsior Village Academies' Board of Directors will meet in person. Please see the location below:

5295 Highway 155 North, Atlanta, Georgia

You can also join virtually. Please see the meeting details below:

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8754612347?pwd=UXN0amZyMmE3YlVNamhHK3JWVGJKUT09>

**Meeting ID: 875 461 2347**

**Passcode: EVA24**

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#### Location

The Excelsior Village Academies' Board of Directors will meet in person. Please see the location below:

5295 Highway 155 N; Stockbridge, GA 30281

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You can also join virtually. Please see the meeting details below:

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**Directors Present**

A. Holmes, D. Paige, K. Rutherford (remote), N. Brinson, R. Hutchins, T. Burrell, W. Smith

**Directors Absent**

R. Culpepper III

**Ex Officio Members Present**

M. Flowers

**Non Voting Members Present**

M. Flowers

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

N. Brinson called a meeting of the board of directors of Excelsior Village Academies to order on Saturday Mar 15, 2025 at 11:18 AM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Approve Minutes**

N. Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes from Excelsior Village Academies' Board Meeting on 02-15-25.

R. Hutchins seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**D.**

## Approve Minutes

N. Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes from Excelsior Village Academies Special Meeting on 02-22-25.

R. Hutchins seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Finance

### A. Monthly Financials & Forecast

- Cash flow remains optimistic for the year, but we are still below the 60 Days monitored by the SCSC

### B. Fundraising

- Grit N Wit Taskforce met and decided there was insufficient time to complete the event by the April deadline.
  - There is a rainy day clause that can push this event to SY 2026
- EVA Village
  - The villager program will be used to boost community interaction and support.
  - There have been some donations organically.
  - A. Holmes will be meeting with the outside contractor to develop a strategy to raise awareness of the program and create an intentional plan for The Villager Program

W. Smith made a motion to move the Grit N Wit event to SY26.

N. Brinson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### C. Banking Decision

- EVA would like to move to South State from Georgia's Own
  - The move is inspired by the need to have a banking organization with connections to charter schools and with access to credit lines

W. Smith made a motion to move EVA banking from Georgia's Own to South State.

D. Paige seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### D. Budget Timeline

R. Hutchins made a motion to approve the budget timeline.

W. Smith seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### E.

## Next Steps

### III. Updates

#### A. Enrollment

- As of 3/15:
  - 215 applications have been received
  - 78 students have stated "yes," they would return
- Feasibility Report
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#### B. SY25-26 School Year Calendar Review

R. Hutchins made a motion to approve the SY26 calendar.

D. Paige seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### IV. Community Engagement

#### A. Recent & Upcoming Events

- March 21 - New Families Book Fair
  - 2-4 pm
- April 19 - EVA Egg-stravagnaza
  - 1-3 pm
- April 12 or 26, May 10
  - EVA Canvassing Days
  - In a 5-mile radius
- May 17
  - House Games

### V. Board Business

#### A. Training with our GSS

- Roles & Responsibilities + Topical Calendar Plan
- Codifying Board Handbook
- Slated Dates/Times:
  - Evenings (M-Th)
  - 7:00-8:30p
- Follow up with dates, and we will narrow it down from there

#### B. Grants

- Has to be a topical project, not transportation

- Ex: Playground, sport equipment, benches, carpet in the multi-use area (recreational spaces)
- April 1 and July 1 deadlines

### **C. Communication**

- Get Technology Lab appointment by next board meeting
- Send follow-up questions post-board meeting
- Be sure to do the board pre-reading before board meeting to ensure that we are well versed in the discussion topics

## **VI. Public Comment**

### **A. Public Comment**

Q: Will there be any extracurriculars next year?

A: Yes, we will be offering enrichment next year, but we are still solidifying what the offering will be next year

Q: Are any changes going to be happening to the 8:00-4:30p timeframe?

A: No, our timeframe allows for enrichment, quiet reflection, recess, etc

Q: Did we see that we were talking about the playground? Have we discussed getting more grant funding for the playground?

A: We are gathering all the funds, and are engaged with some grants currently. It is about building out the timeline.

## **VII. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Hutchins