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# Excelsior Village Academies

## Minutes

### Excelsior Village Academies Special Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Saturday February 22, 2025 at 11:30 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>

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#### Directors Present

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A. Holmes, K. Rutherford, N. Brinson, R. Culpepper III, R. Hutchins, T. Burrell

**Directors Absent**

D. Paige, W. Smith

**Ex Officio Members Present**

M. Flowers

**Non Voting Members Present**

M. Flowers

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

N. Brinson called a meeting of the board of directors of Excelsior Village Academies to order on Saturday Feb 22, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

**C. Approve Agenda**

A. Holmes made a motion to approve amendments to Special Meeting Agenda.  
R. Hutchins seconded the motion.

- The board discussion and CEO presentation have been separated into two different sections to provide adequate space for comment from board members before the vote

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

**II. Enrollment**

**A. CEO Presentation**

**Grounding for enrollment decisions:**

- Balanced budget (ensuring we have enough students enrolled to have a balanced budget)
- Growth Plan & Sustainability (projecting a growth plan that will not impede the sustainability of the programming at EVA)
- Physical Space (enrolling to ensure we can pay for the physical space we are in the SY25-26)
- Mission & Values (all decisions need to be grounded in our mission and values)

In SY24-25, EVA did not meet enrollment targets.

For SY25-26, EVA is aiming to be as ambitious as possible with enrollment to impact facilities and the overall budget positively. The recommendation from the CEO is expanding into K-6 to ensure we can meet all the targets in year 2 at 9 classrooms, 15 FTEs, and ~200 students.

## B. Board Discussion

### Board Reflections:

- K. Rutherford - It feels like K-6 makes the most sense in the long term, but my biggest concern is the quality of the offering, specifically thinking about the coaching and the instructional model.
- A. Holmes - It is clear we have to get to 200 students, but I am wondering what resources we have to get to this goal. My question is, what is the budget we have to achieve this goal of recruiting new staff and students?
- R. Culpepper - I am wondering what our outreach has been in K-4. Are we hitting roadblocks?
- R. Hutchins - I am mostly concerned about recruiting for K. We need to ensure that we have enough bodies in this building, and we can't bank on kindergarten.

## C. Board Vote for FY26 Enrollment

Recommendation from the Enrollment Taskforce:

- School Leader
  - The school Leader is authorized to monitor a waitlist beyond the charter plan (K-4)

R. Hutchins made a motion to Authorize the school leader to enroll students in K-6, which is different from the charter plan of K-4 in Year 2, pending operational cost for each grade level is met.

T. Burrell seconded the motion.

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

### Roll Call

K. Rutherford	Aye
N. Brinson	Aye
D. Paige	Absent
W. Smith	Absent
T. Burrell	Aye
R. Culpepper III	No
R. Hutchins	Aye
A. Holmes	Aye

### **III. 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 1:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Hutchins