Excelsior Village Academies

Minutes

Excelsior Village Academies Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday September 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Location
5295 Highway 155 North, Atlanta, Georgia

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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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Directors Present
A. Holmes, D. Paige, K. Rutherford, N. Brinson, R. Hutchins

Directors Absent
W. Smith

Ex Officio Members Present
M. Flowers

Non Voting Members Present
M. Flowers

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 Thursday Sep 17, 2026 at 7:15 PM.

C. Approval of Minutes

R. Hutchins made a motion to approve the minutes from Excelsior Villages Academies Board Meeting & Public Hearing on 06-25-26.
A. Holmes seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Agenda

R. Hutchins made a motion to approve the agenda as distributed.

A. Holmes seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. CEO Report

A. Enrollment Update

- Currently at 254 enrolled students with 2 pending withdrawals, 13 new applications accepted, 5 pending registration approval, 11 seats offered.
- 338 on the waitlist as of right now
- Most seats available in K, with a waitlist of 30 right now
- **Goal:** Level out at 275 capacity

B. General Updates

- 7 weeks into school
    - **Focus:** First 6 weeks of school were culture, systems focused
    - PE/Health added and students are excited about that
    - Vetting and hiring of teachers has been strong, Summer Teacher Institute helped to bolster skills as first year teachers
    - Leaders have stepped into roles more, Flowers is stepping back and letting leaders lead
- Vacancies:
    - Culture Associate & Counselor Role
    - Front Office Role
        - Parents are volunteering to help fill this role

C. Facilities

- Current building is being used to capacity
    - No major issues yet with HVAC, but in talks with Rebecca (22 Beacon) to ensure as weather cools classrooms remain comfortable
- In talks with 22 Beacon Architects for building expansion
    - Taking initial drafts and thoughts to the county
    - Creating a feasibility plan for cost and timeline
    - After Sept. 22, more concrete details will be revealed regarding layout, timeline and plans for modulars in the interim
    - Looking to greenlight a traffic study to get recognition of being a school (flashing lights, speed zone, etc)
    - Pushing for rezoning as well during this renovation and new build process

D. First Month of School Updates

- Just finished IRLA & iReady Diagnostics, next meeting we will have data from upper and lower school students with YoY data

- Milestones math data was not as impressive as anticipated

R. Hutchins made a motion to move the executive session from September's meeting to October's meeting.
K. Rutherford seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Executive Session: Personnel

- Moved to October Meeting

III. Governance

A. Board Meeting Calendar

- New calendar started in July, and did not meet in August because there was no quorum
- During FY26, we were meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month and for FY27, we decided to move board meetings to the third Thursday of the month
- EdTech would have to close books early if board committed to third Thursday of the month

D. Paige made a motion to approve the FY27 Board Meeting Calendar, the third Thursday of each month.
R. Hutchins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Board Responsibilities

- Board Recruitment:
    - Lisa reached out with some potential members for the team
    - Needing to bring in new people for the board
    - Board Chat N Chew, on a **Saturday, October 17 (11a-1p)**
    - Using the PTO for support
        - MF will follow up with PTO meeting calendar
- Board Training
    - Coming in February 9-10, 2027

C. Board Terms

- All current terms end on June 30, 2027

D. Paige made a motion to updating current board terms to end in June 2027.
K. Rutherford seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D.

SCSC Monitoring

- Current monitoring phase ends Sept. 30
- MF has been uploading documents to EpiCenter. The following need to be submitted by the end of the month:
    - Conflict of Interest Forms
    - Bylaws
    - Executive Sessions
    - Board Monitoring Letter

IV. Upcoming Events

A. Events

- Career Day - Sept. 25
- Grandparents Day (Last Week)
- Fall Festival - Coming October
- EVA Picture Day
- Ask:
    - Board Member Attendance 1-2 Events
    - Board Member School Observations

V. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. Brinson