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## Paramount Schools of Excellence

### Minutes

#### Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday February 18, 2025 at 5:30 PM

**Location**

1203 E. St. Clair St. Indianapolis, IN 46202  
(Enter through Door 8)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://paramountindy-org.zoom.us/j/82387895106>

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**Directors Present**

A. Bekele, B. Eldridge, E. Mendez (remote), J. Amu (remote), J. Hazzard, Jr. (remote), J. Phillips (remote), M. Bishop (remote), T. Rude (remote)

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

J. Hazzard, Jr.

**Ex Officio Members Present**

T. Reddicks

**Non Voting Members Present**

T. Reddicks

**Guests Present**

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Allison Burgeson (remote), Amanda Webb (remote), Anderson York (remote), Bre Petty (remote), Brent Eskridge (remote), Chase Akins (remote), Chris Larson (remote), Chrystal Westerhaus (remote), Cory Iwaszewski (remote), D. Burroughs (remote), D. Kelly (remote), D. Taylor (remote), Danny Holle (remote), Dre Knox (remote), Elizabeth Bishop (remote), Hanan Abdelmasseh (remote), Jessica English (remote), Justin Braun (remote), K. Beauchamp, K. Gomez (remote), Keith Thomas (remote), Ken Barlow (remote), Kendall Covington (remote), Kensi Sauley (remote), L. Hopman (remote), Laura Busekrus (remote), Lynise Lucas (remote), M. Laffin (remote), MaryAnn (remote), Molly Provost (remote), Rafi Nolan Abrahamian (remote), Rebecca Norman (remote), Robin Love (remote), Robyn Rutar (remote), S. Sims, Stefanie Hanes (remote), T. Gustin, T. Palacios, Tina (remote), Tony Brose (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

T. Rude called a meeting of the board of directors of Paramount Schools of Excellence to order on Tuesday Feb 18, 2025 at 5:33 PM.

## **II. Public Comments**

### **A. Public Comments**

No members of the public wished to comment.

## **III. Consent Agenda Review and Approval**

### **A. Review and Approve Minutes**

T. Rude made a motion to approve the minutes from Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting on 01-17-25.

J. Amu seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Voucher Approval**

Each consent agenda includes minutes from the prior month's meeting(s) and the monthly financial packet, including monthly vouchers.

## **IV. New Business**

### **A. Vote on Reserve Debt Policy**

T. Rude made a motion to amend and update the reserve debt policy as distributed in Board on Track.

A. Bekele seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Mendez Aye  
M. Bishop Aye  
B. Eldridge Aye  
A. Bekele Aye  
T. Rude Aye  
J. Amu Aye  
J. Hazzard, Jr. Abstain  
J. Phillips Aye  
J. Hazzard, Jr. arrived.

**B. Vote on 25-26 Calendars**

M. Bishop made a motion to approve the 25-26 school calendars as distributed in Board on Track.

E. Mendez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Mendez Aye  
T. Rude Aye  
J. Hazzard, Jr. Abstain  
B. Eldridge Aye  
J. Amu Aye  
J. Phillips Aye  
A. Bekele Aye  
M. Bishop Aye

**V. Operations Reports**

**A. Navigation Team Reports**

The Navigation team is focused on supporting the schools as they prepare for upcoming state testing.

**B. School Operations Reports**

Paramount South Bend school leaders, Rafi Nolan Abrahamian and Molly Provost, provided the board with updates on academics and instruction, school culture and environment,

**VI. 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 5:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Rude

Public session will continue after the executive session ends. Members of the public may join using this same meeting link at 6:30 pm.

**B. Next Meeting**

Date: March 18th, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81567255132>

Location: 1203 E. St. Clair Street Indianapolis (Enter through Door #8)

**VII. Executive Session 6:00-6:30**

**A. Discussion**

Real estate discussion

**VIII. Public session**

**A. New business**

J. Hazzard, Jr. made a motion to approve the construction at Girls IN STEM Academy on Michigan Road.

T. Rude seconded the motion.

This approval is contingent upon an approved funding pathway.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Hazzard, Jr. Aye

T. Rude Aye

B. Eldridge Aye

M. Bishop Aye

J. Amu Aye

J. Phillips Aye

E. Mendez Aye

A. Bekele Aye