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## Paramount Schools of Excellence

### Minutes

#### Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday May 20, 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 (remote), B. Eldridge (remote), E. Mendez (remote), J. Amu, J. Hazzard, Jr., J. Phillips (remote), M. Bishop, T. Rude (remote)

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Ex Officio Members Present**

T. Reddicks

**Non Voting Members Present**

T. Reddicks

**Guests Present**

Amanda Webb (remote), Brent Eskridge (remote), Chase Akins (remote), Chris Larson (remote), Chrystal Westerhaus (remote), Cory Iwaszewski (remote), D. Burroughs (remote), Danny Holle (remote), Dontrell Kelly (remote), Elizabeth Williams (remote), Elysha St. Louis (remote), Garrett

Gammons (remote), Hanan Abdelmasseh (remote), Justin Braun (remote), K. Beauchamp, Keeane Gomez (remote), Keith Thomas Jr. (remote), Ken Barlow (remote), Kendall Covington (remote), Kensi Sauley (remote), L. Hicks (remote), L. Hopman (remote), L. Lucas (remote), M. Laflin (remote), Molly Provost (remote), Rafi Nolan Abrahamian (remote), Rebecca Norman (remote), Robin Love (remote), Robyn Rutar (remote), S. Sims, Stefanie Hanes (remote), T. Gustin, 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 May 20, 2025 at 5:33 PM.

## **II. Public Comments**

### **A. Public Comments**

No members of the public were present.

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

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

T. Rude made a motion to approve the minutes from Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting on 04-15-25.

J. Amu seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

### **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 Revised Credit Card Policy**

M. Bishop made a motion to approve the PSOE credit card policy as distributed.

J. Amu seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

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

#### **B. Vote on 25-26 Board Meeting Calendar**

T. Rude made a motion to approve the 25-26 board meeting calendar as distributed.

M. Bishop seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

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

#### **C. Brookside and South Bend Site Splitting**

PSOE would like to look at splitting Paramount Brookside and Paramount South Bend into separate K-5th elementary and 6th-8th middle schools. This would allow for better comparisons to other elementary schools and middle schools around the state. This is something the board will want to discuss before voting. If approved through our authorizers, this would not go into effect until the 2026-2027 school year.

### **V. Operations Reports**

#### **A. Navigation Team Reports**

Tommy Reddicks provided updates on school construction, permitting projects, and loans.

#### **B.**

### **School Operations Reports**

No school updates were provided.

## **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 5:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
T. Rude

### **B. Next Meeting**

Date: June 17, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm

Zoom link: [https://us06web/zoom/us/j/81567255132](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81567255132)

Location: 1203 E. St. Clair St. Indianapolis, IN 46202, enter through door 8

## **VII. Finance Committee**

### **A. Discussion**

The board discussed and reviewed the budget.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

### **A. Discussion**

The PSOE Board of Directors as authorized by statute, specifically Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1.b, will meet in executive session in the Navigation Office Training Room (1203 E. St. Clair Street Indianapolis, IN 46202) for the following statutorily authorized purpose: Contract negotiations pursuant to [e.g., Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A)] and Real property transactions including the purchase, lease, or sale of real estate by the governing body, pursuant to [e.g., Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)].