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Paramount Schools of Excellence

Minutes

Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday April 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location
1203 E. St. Clair St. Indianapolis, IN 46202
(Enter through Door 8)
https://paramountindy-org.zoom.us/j/82387895106

Directors Present
A. Bekele, B. Eldridge (remote), E. Burchett (remote), E. Mendez (remote), J. Amu (remote), J. Hazzard, Jr. (remote), M. Bishop, M. Ibrahim (remote), T. Rude

Directors Absent
J. Phillips, L. Hicks

Ex Officio Members Present
T. Reddicks

Guests Present
CDraper (remote), Chase Akins (remote), Chris Larson (remote), Christina Blackburn (remote), Cory Iwaszewski (remote), D. Kelly (remote), Danny Holle (remote), Delesa Brokamp (remote), Education One (remote), Elizabeth Bishop (remote), Ethan Rasdell (remote), Jessica English (remote), Jody Brittan (remote), Justin Braun (remote), K. Beauchamp (remote), K. Gomez (remote), Keith Thomas Jr. (remote), Ken Barlow (remote), Kendall Covington (remote), Leanne Parres (remote), Liza Biles (remote), Lynise Lucas (remote), M. Laflin (remote), Michelle Maye

(remote), Monica Ramey (remote), Rafi Nolan Abrahamian (remote), S. Sims, Stefanie Hanes (remote), T. Gustin, T. Palacios (remote), Taylir Christian (remote), Tony Brose (remote)

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 Apr 21, 2026 at 5:33 PM.

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

No members of the public wished to make a comment.

III. Consent Agenda Review and Approval

A. Review and Approve March Minutes & Vouchers

T. Rude made a motion to approve the minutes from Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting on 03-10-26.
M. Bishop seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. New Business

A. AI Policy Plan Updates

Jody Britten provided an update on her work with Paramount to leverage AI to maximize workflows and opportunities across our network, improving efficiency and establishing policy for the safe use of AI.

B. Vote on South Bend Elementary Approval (K-5) and Grade Reconfiguration to Middle School (6-8th)

M. Bishop made a motion to approve the K-5 grade reconfiguration for Paramount South Bend Elementary and the 6th-8th grade reconfiguration for Paramount South Bend Middle School.
J. Hazzard, Jr. seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Vote to Move Paramount Online Academy and Girls IN STEM Academy to Indiana Charter School Board

T. Rude made a motion to approve Indiana Charter School Board as the new authorizers for Paramount Online Academy and Girls IN STEM Academy.
M. Bishop seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Vote on 26-27 Board Calendar

A. Bekele made a motion to approve the 26-27 board calendar as distributed in Board on Track.
E. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Vote on Seclusion and Restraint Policy

J. Hazzard, Jr. made a motion to approve the seclusion and restraint policy as distributed in Board on Track.
M. Bishop seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Vote to Approve AJB Audit

T. Rude made a motion to approve the Andrew J. Brown Academy audit.
B. Eldridge seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Operations Reports

A. Navigation Operations Report

Tommy Reddicks provided the board with updates on school construction projects.

B. School Operations Report

No schools presented for this board meeting.

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 6:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Rude

B. Next Meeting

Date: May 19th, 2026
Time: 5:30 pm

Zoom Link: https://paramountindy-org.zoom.us/j/82387895106
Location: 1203 E. St. Clair Street Indianapolis, IN (Door 8)

VII. Committees

A. Finance Committee

The finance committee reviewed the school budget.
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B. Governance Committee

The governance committee reviewed the PSOE grief policy.