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Paramount Schools of Excellence

Minutes

Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday May 19, 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), J. Phillips (remote), L. Hicks (remote), M. Bishop, T. Rude

Directors Absent
M. Ibrahim

Guests Present
Bre Petty (remote), Brent Eskridge (remote), Chris Larson (remote), Christina Blackburn (remote), Cory Iwasewski (remote), D. Kelly (remote), Danny Holle (remote), Dre Knox (remote), Education One (remote), Elizabeth Williams (remote), Hanan Abdelmasseh (remote), Justin Braun (remote), K. Beauchamp, K. Gomez (remote), Ken Barlow (remote), Kensi Sauley (remote), L. Lucas (remote), M. Laflin (remote), Robyn Rutar (remote), S. Sims, 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 May 19, 2026 at 5:31 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 April Minutes & Vouchers

T. Rude made a motion to approve the minutes from Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting on 04-21-26.
M. Bishop seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. New Business

A. Vote on Paramount Online Academy 9th Grade

J. Hazzard, Jr. made a motion to approve adding 9th grade to Paramount Online Academy for the 2026-2027 school year.
A. Bekele seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Vote on Girls IN STEM Academy 8th Grade

L. Hicks made a motion to approve adding 9th grade to Girls IN STEM Academy for the 2026-2027 school year.
J. Hazzard, Jr. seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. 2026-2027 Budget Review

Scott Sims reviewed the 2026-2027 PSOE budget with the school board and answered questions before the board votes on approval in June.

D. Vote on Debt Resolution Policy

B. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Debt Resolution Policy as distributed in Board on Track.
L. Hicks seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Operations Reports

A. Navigation Operations Report

Kyle Beauchamp provided an update about the school and the Navigation team's focus on planning robust professional development and summer learning programs for this summer. Tara Gustin provided an update on the South Bend construction.

B. School Operations Report

School principals are focused on end-of-year activities and graduation ceremonies to wrap up the school year.

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 5:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Rude

B. Next Meeting

Date: June 16th, 2026
Time: 5:30 pm
Zoom Link: https://paramountindy-org.zoom.us/j/82387895106
Location: 1203 E. St. Clair Street Indianapolis, IN (Door 8)