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## Paramount Schools of Excellence

### Minutes

#### Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Tuesday August 18, 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>

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##### **Directors Present**

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

##### **Directors Absent**

*None*

##### **Ex Officio Members Present**

T. Reddicks

##### **Non Voting Members Present**

T. Reddicks

##### **Guests Present**

Allison Burgeson (remote), Chris Larson (remote), Christina Blackburn (remote), Chrystal Westerhaus (remote), D. Kelly (remote), D. Taylor (remote), Danny Holle (remote), Dre Knox (remote), Duke Pryor (remote), Elizabeth Williams (remote), Felicia Thompson (remote),

Francesca Jimenez (remote), Garrett Gammons (remote), Hanan Abdelmasseh (remote), Ilesha Billups (remote), Jessica English (remote), Justin Braun (remote), K. Gomez (remote), K. Thibodeau (remote), Keith Thomas Jr., Ken Barlow (remote), Kensi Sauley (remote), Kevin Melrose (remote), Leanne Parres (remote), Lynise Lucas (remote), M. Laflin, Michelle Maye (remote), Molly Provost (remote), Rafi Nolan Abrahamian (remote), Robyn Rutar (remote), Scott Sims (remote), Stefanie Hanes (remote), T. Gustin, T. Palacios, Taylor Sanders (remote), Tequila Edmonds (remote), Tony Brose (remote), Turrell O'Neal (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 Aug 18, 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 July Minutes & Vouchers**

This vote has been tabled to next month's agenda.

## **IV. New Business**

### **A. Action Plans for School Improvement**

School leaders from Paramount Englewood, Paramount South Bend, and Andrew J. Brown Academy presented to the board on the school improvement strategies they will implement at their campuses.

### **B. FY 25-26 Financial Review**

Scott Sims reported the financial review for the 25-26 school year to the board.

## **V. Operations Reports**

### **A. Navigation Operations Report**

The Navigation team has been focusing all support on the schools for the start of the year, with a heavy emphasis on enrollment as the year gets started.

## **B. School Operations Report**

No schools presented this evening.

## **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 6:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
T. Rude

### **B. Next Meeting**

Date: September 15th, 2026

Time: 5:30 pm

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

Location: 1203 E. St. Clair Street Indianapolis, IN (Door 8)