



ZEST Preparatory Academy Charter School

ZEST Preparatory Academy Governance Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday July 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM EDT

Location

3130 Golf Ridge Blvd. Douglasville, GA 30135

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:30 PM
A. Record Attendance		Abena Olugbala	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Brannon Jones	1 m
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Brannon Jones	3 m
Approve minutes for ZEST Preparatory Academy Board June Governance & Retreat Meeting on June 28, 2025			
D. Review & Approve Agenda	Vote	Brannon Jones	3 m
E. Mission and Vision		Brannon Jones	3 m
F. Public Comment		Abena Olugbala	3 m

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II. Executive Directors Report			6:44 PM
A. SY2025-26 Start-up	FYI	Renee Davis	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing Updates • Enrollment Update 			
B. FYI: FY26 Academic Updates	FYI	Antonio Parks	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY26 CLIP • High Quality Curriculum & Instructional Materials • Assessment Calendar Overview • Academic Assurances • Specialized Services Information 			
C. Action: High Quality Curriculum & Instructional Materials	Vote	Brannon Jones	5 m
D. FYI: FY26 Safety Plan	FYI	Renee Davis	5 m
Point of Information - Overview of the Safety and Crisis Plan			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Drill Calendar 			
E. FYI: Operational Update	FYI	Monique Carruthers	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY26 SCSC Monitoring Prep, Website Audit, & Dashboard 			
III. Governance Report			7:07 PM
A. FYI: Governance Committee Updates	FYI	Brannon Jones	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Committees Selection • LEA Leadership Workflow 2025-26 • FY26 SCSC Required Board Trainings • SCSC Legal Obligations of a State Charter School • Georgia Education Law Updates 			

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B. Policy Revisions for 2025-26 School Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Review and Adoption • Board Conflict of Interest • Student Use of Cellphones and Personal Use of Devices - Senate Bill 395 • Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act - 	Discuss	Brannon Jones	10 m
C. Action: Policy Adoptions and Revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Review and Adoption Cell Phone Use Policy in response to Senate Bill 395 	Vote	Brannon Jones	3 m
IV. Finance Report			7:25 PM
A. FYI: June Financials & July Forecast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June FY25 Budget • July Forecast 	FYI	Candy Yu	15 m
B. Facility Update	FYI	Monique Carruthers	5 m
C. FY24 Audit Update	FYI	Brannon Jones	10 m
D. FY25 Audit	FYI	Candy Yu	5 m
V. FY26 Amended Budget Hearing #2			8:00 PM
A. FY26 Amended Budget Review	FYI	Candy Yu	5 m
B. Budget Feedback and Public Comment on the Amended Budget	Discuss	Horace Ridley	5 m
VI. Action Items			8:10 PM
A. Adoption of FY26 Amended Budget	Vote	Brannon Jones	5 m
VII. Closing Items			8:15 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		

ZEST Preparatory Academy Charter School is a K-5 elementary school community that provides an academically rigorous, supportive, and joyful learning environment to develop the leader inside every student for lifelong educational achievement and impactful community service.