



# Laureate Academy Charter School Board of Directors

## Minutes

### January 2026 Academic Excellence Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday January 22, 2026 at 3:30 PM

**Location**

This meeting will occur on Google Meets.

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The matters listed are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed. Other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. All agenda items are informational unless otherwise denoted, though all committee reports require a vote for acceptance. Unless otherwise stated due to COVID-19 precautions, the meeting will be held on the campus of the school (2115 Oakmere Drive Harvey, LA 70058)

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**Committee Members Present**

Dr. Jahquelle Ross (remote), Monique Handy

**Committee Members Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

Claire Heckerman-Whitehead (remote), Tessa Horn

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance**

## **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Dr. Jahquelle Ross called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Laureate Academy Charter School Board of Directors to order on Thursday Jan 22, 2026 at 3:38 PM.

## **C. Approve Minutes**

Monique Handy made a motion to approve the minutes from September Academic Excellence Meeting on 09-19-25.

Dr. Jahquelle Ross seconded the motion.

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

# **II. Teacher Related Updates**

## **A. Hiring Needs for 25-26 School Year**

- SPED Director (full time)
- 3rd Grade Humanities
- 7th/8th STEM (long term in currently)
- 7th/8th Social Studies (long term in currently)

# **III. Student Enrollment**

## **A. 25-26 Enrollment by Grade Level**

- 185 Applicants for next year.
- A team of individuals from the campus are recruiting.
- Reenrollment for next year — making that an option available for families.
  - Generally 90% retention.

# **IV. Student Assessment Data**

## **A. Middle-of- Year DIBELS**

- 3rd, 2nd, and 1st - around the same area at BOY. Some dips in percentages for the performance categories.
- Adjusting the number of skills taught during small group to address the student needs from looking at the data.
- Kindergarten - teachers are very focus. Seeing growth trend upward for this cohort of students.
- Students with IEP - tracking their growth weekly.

## **B. Winter ANET Data**

- Math (Average) - working on getting teachers back on pace to cover standards preparing for LEAP in Spring 2026.
  - Calendar has been prepared for Q3 focus standards.
    - 2nd - 49%
    - 3rd - 53%
    - 4th - 36%
    - 5th - 29%
    - 6th - 36%
    - 7th - 33%
    - 8th - 30%
- ELA/Reading
  - Calendar has been prepared for Q3 focus standards.
    - 2nd - 37%
    - 3rd - 33%
    - 4th - 40%
    - 5th - 33%
    - 6th - 37%
    - 7th - 55%
    - 8th - 45%

## **V. Identification of Next Steps**

### **A. Decide on Next Meeting Date**

- Thursday, March 26th at 3:30 PM via Google Meets

## **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 4:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Jahquille Ross

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College Starts in Kindergarten