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Laureate Academy Charter School Board of Directors

Minutes

August Academic Excellence Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday August 5, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Location
Google Meets

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 COVDI-19 precautions, the meeting will be held on the campus of the school (2115 Oakmere Drive Harvey, LA 70058)

Committee Members Present
Dr. Jahquille Ross (remote), Monique Handy (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
Claire Heckerman-Whitehead (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Jahquille Ross called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Laureate Academy Charter School Board of Directors to order on Wednesday Aug 5, 2026 at 3:48 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Monique Handy made a motion to Handy.
Dr. Jahquille Ross seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Teacher Related Updates

A. Hiring Needs for 26-27 School Year

- 3 Para-professionals needed.
- K-2nd SPED Teacher
- Part-time Social Worker.
- Part-time Gifted Teacher

III. SY 25-26 School Culture Data

A. Attendance

- 97% for last school year.

B. Suspensions and Expulsions

- None Expulsions
- 94 OSS
- 95 during SY 24-25
- 138 during SY 23-24
- Goal - 70-75 OSS for the 29-27 SY

IV. SY 25-26 Student Assessment Data

A. K - 3rd DIBELS

- Overall, 52% to 68%.
    - Kindergarten had a large amount of growth.
- The goal is 85% for the 26-27 SY.
- Strategic support for the lower percentile students with intervention support and homeroom placement.
    - Example - 2nd teacher in classrooms.

B.

EOY ANET Benchmarks

- ELA
  - 7th Grade has good growth.
- Math
  - Dropped 6 points.
  - Shift in curriculum from Eureka to Eureka Squared.
- Will get back to us on the in-depth data analysis.

C. LEAP Data - By Content Area Mastery & Subgroups

Mastery Percentage by Content

- Science
  - Mastery Growth - 7% to 28%. (Over 3 years)
- Social Studies - 21%
- Math - 19%
- ELA - 33%
- A heavy focus this year will be on small group intervention and Math as the focus content area.

V. Academic and Culture Goals for SY 26-27

A. Academic Goals

Mastery Percentage by Content Areas

1. ELA - 43%
2. Math - 29%
3. Social Studies - 28%
4. Science - 35%

Diverse Learners - working with Blue Engine

B. Culture Goals

- OSS - 70-75
- Attendance - 95%

VI. Idenification of Next Steps

A. Decide on Next Meeting Date

- Our next meeting will take place Monday, November 2nd at 2:00 PM.
- Before the September Board Meeting, the Academic Committee will draft and pull in feedback for the head of school performance evaluation.

VII. 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

College Starts in Kindergarten