The Exploris School

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday August 28, 2025 at 4:30 PM EDT

Location

The Exploris School: Elementary Campus
17 S Swain St, Raleigh, NC 27601, USA
5th Grade Classroom

Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**4:30 PM**
A.	Record Attendance		Edward Buchan	1 m
B.	Call the Meeting to Order		Steven Darroch	1 m
C.	Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Edward Buchan	2 m

Approve minutes for The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on July 24, 2025

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D.	Public Comment		Steven Darroch	15 m

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fifteen minutes will be allocated on the agenda for public input at each meeting. Additional time may be added at the discretion of the Chair.

Public comment may be oral, in person, or in written form to be read by the Chair.
Public comment is limited to no more than 3 minutes per person.
It is recommended that public comment be written out and provided to the
board following the three minutes to ensure the entire message is heard by the board.

Each speaker will clearly state their full name and county of residence.

All public comment should be factual and should not include personally identifiable information of students or personnel in order to maintain confidentiality. Speakers should avoid using names of students or staff and maintain confidentiality and privacy standards.

All public comments will be taken under advisement by the Board, but will not elicit an immediate written or spoken response. The names of persons providing public comment and
a brief summary of topics or input will be included in the meeting minutes published.

A response will be provided to the stakeholder within seven (7) days. Those providing public comment are asked to provide in writing (either in person or via email to board@exploris.org) their contact information including name, County of residence, and address (either email or postal, whichever is preferred).

Specific issues about a particular student or teacher should be addressed to the elementary or middle school director, rather than the Board of Directors.

II.	**Committee Reports**			**4:49 PM**

- The Board oversees the membership and work of each Committee.
- Committees present their latest minutes and action items to the Board. The Board makes all official decisions regarding Committee recommendations.

A.	Finance	FYI	Koren Morgan	10 m

   • Monthly Financial Reports

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B.	Educational Excellence	FYI	Eric Grunden	15 m
C.	Governance	Vote	Deborah Brown	10 m

• Welcome Lauren Collins
• Thank you to outgoing members
• Vote: 2025-26 Handbook Revisions (Personnel and Student-Family
  Handbooks)

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D.	Community & Connections	FYI	Deborah Brown	5 m

• Announcing the refocused mission of this work (see attached draft letter)
• Recruiting Board leadership for this committee

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E.	Director Evaluation & Support	Discuss	Steven Darroch	5 m
F.	Facilities	FYI	Josh Corbat	10 m

• Updates on Facilities Project

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G.	Kaizen	FYI	Shawna Scipione	5 m

• Kaizen leaders will give an update to the Board.

III. The Exploris Foundation   5:49 PM

• The Exploris Foundation Board will give an update

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A.	Foundation Update	FYI	Susan Singer	5 m
B.	Foundation Seats	Vote	Steven Darroch	10 m

• The Board will discuss and vote on additional Foundation seats the Board is
  required to fill.

IV. The Exploris Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)   6:04 PM

The Exploris PTO leadership will give an update

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A. PTO Update	FYI	Stacey Carothers	5 m
V. **Meeting Items**			**6:09 PM**
A. Directors Report	FYI	Deborah Brown	15 m

- Monthly Report & Updates (The Directors Report will not be made verbally during meetings. Please review the written report prior to the meeting. We will answer questions and provide critical updates and vote on any requested items.)
- Discussion about items to include in the forthcoming Exploris Data Dashboard
- Implementation of new Student Device Damage Protection Plan

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B. Board Business	Vote	Steven Darroch	10 m

- Adoption of [A Framework for Community Engagement & Accountability](#)
- May 19, 2025 [Town Hall responses](#) have been shared with the community
- Exploris Data Dashboard: What should we include in this new tool?
- Updating photos/bios in your BoardOnTrack profile
- Board Retreat on Sept. 6th: Please RSVP
- General Discussions

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VI. **Closed Session**			**6:34 PM**
A. Facilities & Legal Items	Discuss	Josh Corbat	5 m

- Updates on Facilities
- Updates on Personnel
- Updates on any Open Legal Items

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VII. **Closing Items**			**6:39 PM**
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		