



The Exploris School

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday January 22, 2026 at 4:30 PM EST

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		Eric Grunden	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Eric Grunden	1 m
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Eric Grunden	2 m
	Approve minutes for The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on December 18, 2025		
D. Public Comment		Eric Grunden	15 m
	PUBLIC COMMENT		

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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.

E. Board Development	Vote	Eric Grunden	20 m
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Voting on Commendation Letter for outgoing Board Chair Steven Darroch

- Motion requested to present the attached letter on behalf of school leadership
- Discussion
- Vote

Voting on Board positions:

- Nominations for Chair, Vice chair, and Secretary

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions • Vote 			
	Audit Presentation			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Habich from TJT will present to the Board about our annual audit. We received a clean audit this year with no findings. 			
II.	Committee Reports			5:09 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Vote	Koren Morgan	15 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Financial Reports • TargetRiver Marketing Engagement 			
B.	Educational Excellence	FYI	Eric Grunden	10 m
C.	Governance	FYI	Lauren Collins	5 m
D.	Director Evaluation & Support	Discuss	Eric Grunden	5 m
E.	Facilities	Vote	Josh Corbat	10 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on Facilities Project • CapDev Capital Campaign Proposal • Terracon Geotechnical Engineering proposal 			
F.	Kaizen	FYI	Mariah Perry	5 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaizen leaders will give an update to the Board. 			
III.	The Exploris Foundation			5:59 PM

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	• The Exploris Foundation Board will give an update			
A.	Foundation Update	FYI	Richard Averitte	5 m
IV.	The Exploris Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)			6:04 PM
	The Exploris PTO leadership will give an update			
A.	PTO Update	FYI	PTO President	5 m
V.	Meeting Items			6:09 PM
A.	Directors Report	Vote	Deborah Brown	10 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.)			
	• 2026-27 School Calendar			
	◦ PROPOSAL: The NCDPI School Attendance and Student Accounting Manual allows some flexibility on which days count as Instructional on our annual school calendar (p. 54-55). The Calendar Committee proposes that the Board approve Student Portfolio Conference days as Instructional for the purposes of our annual calendar. Student Portfolio Conference days include asynchronous student work in the form of Portfolio preparation, as well as direct instructional time when teachers meet with students and families.			
	◦ Our Proposed calendar is built around this proposal, with an alternative also listed in the notes that we can discuss.			
VI.	Closed Session			6:19 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			6:24 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting		Vote	