



The Exploris School

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday July 23, 2026 at 4:30 PM EDT

Location

The Exploris School, Elementary Campus
17 S. Swain St.
Raleigh, NC 27601

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			4:30 PM
A. Record Attendance			1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Eric Grunden	1 m
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes		2 m
Approve minutes for The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on May 28, 2026			
D. Public Comment		Eric Grunden	15 m

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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.		

II. Board Business

4:49 PM

A.	Votes & Upcoming Events	Vote	Deborah Brown	10 m
	• Accept resignation of Ethan Burton • Approve interim appointment of Leah Ruto for the 2026-2027 school year to the role of Elementary School Director • Board Retreat • Dates requested for back-to-school workweek: come meet the staff!			

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III. Committee Reports			4:59 PM
A. Governance	Vote	Deborah Brown	20 m
Updates, discussion and votes on several policy and Board membership updates			
1. Vote on proposed amendments to the original Exploris charter, as listed in the attached document 2. Public Comment Guideline recommended updates 3. Changes in Teacher Leader voting status to comply with NC Charter School statutes 4. Request to approve updated handbooks for Personnel and Family & Students 5. Thank you to outgoing member Lauren Collins 6. Vote on Board candidacy for Grace Whittemore			
B. Educational Excellence	Discuss	Eric Grunden	15 m
• Annual Report to the Board			
C. Facilities	FYI	Josh Corbat	10 m
D. Finance Committee	Discuss	Alannah Rodriguez	10 m
E. Director Support & Evaluation	Discuss	Eric Grunden	5 m
Annual Review Process & next steps			
IV. Director's Report			5:59 PM
• The Director Team will make a report to the Board. Please note the report is submitted in writing and only high points or questions are discussed at the meeting. • Teacher Working Conditions Survey Report			
A. Documents	Discuss	Deborah Brown	5 m
V. Community Reports			6:04 PM
A. Kaizen Report	Discuss	Shawna Scipione	5 m
Kaizen leads will make a report to the Board.			

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B. PTO Report	Discuss	PTO President	5 m
The PTO President or their designee will make a report to the Board			
C. Foundation Report	Discuss	Richard Averitte	5 m
The Exploris Foundation will make a report to the Board			

VI. Closed Session

Discussion of salaries, HR, and contract items

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote
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