



## The Exploris School

### Minutes

#### The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

---

**Date and Time**

Thursday July 27, 2023 at 4:30 PM

**Location**

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

---

**Directors Present**

A. Rodriguez, D. Deaton (remote), D. Hencher (remote), E. Buchan, E. Grunden (remote), R. Boyce, S. Darroch, S. Gautcher, T. Void

**Directors Absent**

M. Townley

**Ex Officio Members Present**

D. Brown, E. Burton, J. Corbat

**Non Voting Members Present**

D. Brown, E. Burton, J. Corbat

**Guests Present**

K. Morgan

---

**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

S. Darroch called a meeting of the board of directors of The Exploris School to order on Thursday Jul 27, 2023 at 4:36 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

A. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the minutes from The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 06-22-23.

S. Gautcher seconded the motion.

Amend to show that Ed submitted the June minutes, not Ryan.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**D. Public Comment**

**II. Committee Reports**

**A. Governance**

R. Boyce made a motion to Approve revised faculty, parent/student handbooks.

E. Buchan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Grunden made a motion to Opt-in for new state paid parental leave program as required for charter schools that want to take part, retroactive to July 1, 2023.

T. Void seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

A. Rodriguez made a motion to Accept resignation of Theo Kingsberry from the BoD.

E. Buchan seconded the motion.

His extensive service is recognized by the board.

EB: what is the effort to diversify the board?

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B. Finance**

R. Boyce made a motion to Approve the annual engagement letter with the auditing firm to begin the audit.

E. Grunden seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. Educational Excellence**

R. Boyce made a motion to Accept the committee report.

A. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **D. Director Evaluation & Support**

#### **E. Facilities**

A. Rodriguez made a motion to Approve a contract for floor care.

E. Buchan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **F. Kaizen**

### **III. Meeting Items**

#### **A. Directors Report**

E. Grunden made a motion to Approve two new hires as presented in the Directors' report.

R. Boyce seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **B. Board Business**

E. Buchan made a motion to accept the draft board meeting schedule for 2023-2024.

A. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Discussion to make June meeting optional; schedule will be amended to reflect that.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

S. Gautcher made a motion to Change COVID policy to remove mandatory testing.

R. Boyce seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **IV. Closed Session**

#### **A. Facilities & Legal Items**

R. Boyce made a motion to Enter closed session to discuss real estate issues.

S. Gautcher seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

R. Boyce made a motion to Leave closed session.

E. Grunden seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **V. 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 6:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
E. Grunden

---

### **Documents used during the meeting**

- 2023-24 Exploris Personnel Handbook.docx
- 2023-24 Exploris Family & Student Handbook.docx
- 23-24 Highlights and Summary of Revisions to the Exploris Handbooks.docx
- Exploris\_TJT engagement letter.pdf
- Bank Account Balances 6-30-23.pdf
- 03. Board Report - 2023.6 - Exploris.pdf
- 05. Income Statement - 2023.06 - Exploris v2.pdf
- 06. Balance Sheet - 2023.06 - Exploris v2.pdf
- Service Agreement 0623 (1).pdf
- July 2023 Exploris Leadership Team Board Report.pdf
- \_DRAFT 2023-2024 The Exploris School Board Meeting Schedule (1).pdf