



## The Exploris School

### Minutes

#### The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday May 22, 2025 at 4:30 PM

**Location**

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

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**Directors Present**

C. Harden (remote), E. Grunden, S. Gautcher (remote), S. Scipione (remote), S. Singer, T. Void, W. McLamb (remote)

**Directors Absent**

E. Buchan, G. Bayo, S. Darroch

**Ex Officio Members Present**

D. Brown, E. Burton, J. Corbat

**Non Voting Members Present**

D. Brown, E. Burton, J. Corbat

**Guests Present**

Abbey Burka (remote), Carolyn Floyd (remote), K. Morgan, Lisa Averitte (remote), Richard Averitte (remote), aaron bugher (remote), andrea wise (remote), kira kroboth (remote), mariah perry (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Grunden called a meeting of the board of directors of The Exploris School to order on Thursday May 22, 2025 at 4:38 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

S. Singer made a motion to approve the minutes from The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 04-24-25.

T. Void seconded the motion.

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

### D. Public Comment

### E. Board Development

EG: very unhappy with town hall. Online support poor, questions not answered, no board unity/confidence. Suggested second town hall soon. Suggested holding regular online meetings, board members “adopt” an area to support parents locally.

SSinger: we need more organizations in school: clubs, in-school meetings, organizations.

CH: decision to go forward was disrespectful to the online guests. Board needs better organization and structure. town halls will not be effective until the board learns better how to work together.

SSinger: we need to fill board structure before we can try to go forward.

SScipione: where can we out our focus so that we can fix this.

Action items

Board chair needs to develop plan to chart issues and needs, including staffing, and then committees and parents to be involved. By June meeting, board chair will have this plan to committees and board in general.

## II. Committee Reports

### A. Finance

W. McLamb made a motion to Vote to approve 24-25 budget revision.

E. Grunden seconded the motion.

TV: can you explain what this is?

KM: these are final changes to budget through March required to reconcile by year end.

SSinger: can we use surplus for maintenance? We need a list of needs.

WM: yes

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

W. McLamb made a motion to Approve the audit engagement letter.

T. Void seconded the motion.

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

## **B. Educational Excellence**

EG: Excellent report on EC services by EB; extension of last committee meeting. Report is posted to packet.

## **C. Governance**

E. Grunden made a motion to Vote on the slate of three presented board members.

S. Singer seconded the motion.

Richard Averitte (board candidate) made remarks to the board.

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

## **D. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

## **E. Director Evaluation & Support**

## **F. Facilities**

## **G. Kaizen**

# **III. The Exploris Foundation**

## **A. Foundation Update**

E. Grunden made a motion to table reports by PTO and Foundation Board.

W. McLamb seconded the motion.

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

# **IV. Closed Session**

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

S. Singer made a motion to enter closed session to discuss real estate matters.

W. McLamb seconded the motion.

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

T. Void made a motion to exit closed session.

W. McLamb 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 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
E. Grunden