



The Exploris School

Minutes

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday July 24, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Location

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

Directors Present

E. Grunden, G. Bayo (remote), G. Lyttle, M. Perry, R. Averitte, S. Darroch, S. Scipione, W. McLamb (remote)

Directors Absent

E. Buchan, M. Alexander, M. Nelson, S. Singer

Ex Officio Members Present

E. Burton, J. Corbat

Non Voting Members Present

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Guests Present

K. Morgan, Rachel Bugher (remote)

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 24, 2025 at 4:33 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Sarah Goutcher not in attendance, also not yet a board member; EG will correct.

E. Grunden made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2025 The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 05-22-25.

W. McLamb seconded the motion.

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

D. Public Comment

E. Board Development

II. Committee Reports

A. Educational Excellence

Annual summary of school goals and environment presented by EB.

B. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

E. Grunden made a motion to Retitle DEI committee to Community and Connections.

G. Lyttle seconded the motion.

committee work is based on mission that was defined by the board in the past. This committee's work is to be incorporated into the work of all committees. City of Raleigh has done something similar. Committee would also engage in communication.

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

C. Governance

R. Averitte made a motion to Approve Lauren Connor as a new board member.

E. Grunden seconded the motion.

She will be attached to the Governance Committee

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

D. Director Evaluation & Support

E. Facilities

F. Kaizen

G.

Finance

E. Grunden made a motion to Approve the proposed 2025-2026 budget.

S. Scipione seconded the motion.

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

III. Meeting Items

A. Directors Report

G. Lyttle made a motion to approve the slate of new hires.

M. Perry seconded the motion.

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

R. Averitte made a motion to approve a voluntary damage protection plan for school devices to be paid for by families, with final approval of the board via email.

E. Grunden seconded the motion.

The language of the submitted plan description is unclear - make the voluntary part clearer. How do we determine who is at fault for damage? We would seek very positive confirmation of who caused the damage. Admin will revise the description and review it.

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

B. Board Business

IV. 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 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Perry

Documents used during the meeting

- 03. Board Report 2025.05 - Exploris.pdf
- 05. Income Statement 2025.05 - Exploris.pdf
- 06. Balance Sheet 2025.05 - Exploris.pdf
- Bank Account Balances 2025.05 - Exploris.pdf
- FY26 Budget for approval at 7_24_25 Board Meeting.pdf
- FY26 Budget for approval at 7_24_25 Board Meeting.xlsx
- Renewal Letter for Entering Cohort 2027.docx.pdf
- The Exploris School Intent to Renew Charter July 2025.pdf

- July 2025_Exploris Facilities Update.pdf
- Exploris Student Device Damage Protection Plan.pdf
- July 2025 Exploris Leadership Team Board Report.pdf