APPROVED

The Exploris School

Minutes

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday April 23, 2026 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 (remote), E. Grunden, M. Nelson, R. Averitte (remote), S. Graham (remote), S. Scipione

Directors Absent
L. Collins, M. Perry, P. President

Ex Officio Members Present
E. Burton, J. Corbat

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 Apr 23, 2026 at 4:39 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

E. Grunden made a motion to approve the minutes from The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 03-26-26.
S. Scipione seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Public Comment

One commenter suggested that students are being bullied. The commenter was recommended to take their specific comments to the appropriate school director, in accordance with the school's grievance policy.

II. Committee Reports

A. Governance

B. Educational Excellence

- The committee explained functions in iXL, which is used to monitor student progress and suggest intervention steps. The committee is looking at ways to improve its use by teachers.
- Tutors from NC State's Elementary Ed program are working with Exploris students. The school is building an intricate partnership with NCSU and this partnership is novel.
- Board members are encouraged to attend Portfolio presentations; this will happen before the May board meeting.

C. Facilities

The facilities update slide deck is in the meeting agenda packet.

D. Finance Committee

III. Director's Report

A. March 2026 Report to the Board

A. Rodriguez made a motion to Approve the hire of the Development Manager.
M. Nelson seconded the motion.
AR: was there additional information in the interview process that suggested she can handle a capital campaign?
JC: This is the thing missing from her resume, but she has been a part of large campaigns and the way she addressed our campaign gave the committee confidence in her ability to do what we need (self-starting, independent, enthusiastic, ready to lead). Our engagement with CapDev will be able to provide support for her also.

SS: How will we assess her progress?
JC: She reports to me. Assessment will be based on rate of growth of donor base as well as amount of giving. Input will come from the Foundation as well.
RA: Will she attend board meetings or simply present reports?
JC: I expect her to attend board meetings and provide regular updates and get used to working with the board.
KM: And also the Foundation board meetings so everything can be coordinated.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Community Reports

A. Kaizen Report

Led a staff discussion of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and collected reflections to be reviewed. Next meeting will be about family engagement. SS is looking for a replacement as she rotates off of this team next year. The Kaizen retreat will happen on the last day of school.

B. PTO Report

C. Foundation Report

V. Closed Session

A. Vote to enter closed session

M. Nelson made a motion to Enter closed session to "To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee;" (GS 143-318.11(a)(6).
R. Averitte seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
S. Scipione made a motion to Exit closed session.
M. Nelson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. 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 6:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Grunden