Brighten Academy

Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Monday November 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM EST

Location

Brighten Academy Media Center

The Brighten Academy Governing Board will meet on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm, in the media center..

Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter
I.	**Opening Items**		
A.	Call the Meeting to Order		Jamilia Smith
B.	Record Attendance		LaKia Bryant
C.	Adoption of Agenda	Vote	Jamilia Smith
D.	Approval of Minutes	Approve Minutes	LaKia Bryant

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• Approving Minutes for October 19, 2026

Approve minutes for Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting on October 19, 2026

II. Public Comment

Public comment should be received by the Board Secretary or Board Chair 24 hours prior to a scheduled Board meeting.
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A.	Aknowledgment of Guests	FYI	Jamilia Smith

III. Awards, Proclamations, and Recognitions

A.	Award Presentation: Cultural Arts Council Scarecrow Contest Winners		Jamilia Smith

8th Grade Art Students
Ivey Jones
Briley Tucker
Jazmine Thomas
Bridget Sanchez
Ryla Moore
Natalie Cellupica
Jayden Bennett
Chloe Sam
Soleia Howington
Harley Timm
Averee Threlkeld
Valerie Zah
Chayse Reynolds
Milani Johnson
Jojo Lauderdale
Alexa Joseph
Maddison Witherspoon
Essie Bryant
Alice Kalos

Instructor

		Purpose	Presenter
	Ms. Luhr / K-8 Visual Art Teacher		
IV.	**Executive Committee**		
A.	GCSA Conference March 8-10, 2027, at the Atlanta Marriott Northwest at Galleria	Discuss	Jamilia Smith
B.	Board Retreat II	Discuss	Evony Hammonds
C.	Bylaws Revisions Section 3 - Directors	Discuss	Evony Hammonds
D.	Branding & Marketing		Jamilia Smith
V.	**School Leadership Report**		
A.	Information Only • Staffing Update • State of transition	FYI	Toni Washington-Knight
B.	Staff Updates: Areas of Function	FYI	Toni Washington-Knight
VI.	**Committee Meetings**		
A.	Finance Committee & Policy/Governance Committee	Discuss	
VII.	**Finance Committee**		
A.	Finance Committee Monthly Financials Aug. 2026: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vY4DmtRRiBBf9B2z-UJEFPSNAfduBUWP/view Sept. 2026: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WG9x1upOelTVNrSbfvKLjUAxLaJY-f3N/view	Vote	Matthew Vitale

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B.	Red Rover	Vote	Matthew Vitale
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C.	Avolon Contract	Vote	Matthew Vitale
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D.	E-Rate	Discuss	Toni Washington-Knight
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VIII. Governance Committee

A.	Policies for Vote	Vote	Evony Hammonds

F12: Internal Candidates
F36 - Staff Telework Program
F36-E1 - Staff Telework Agreement and Schedule
F37 - Staff Participation in Political Activities
F38 - Staff Protection
F40 - Code of Ethics for Staff
G7: Concussion/Return to Play

B.	Info Only	FYI	Evony Hammonds

October Follow-up
F39 - Staff Leave
H7: Food Service Charges

November
B1-E1: Meeting #1
B5-R1: New Board Member Transition
F41: Personnel Evaluations
F41-E1: Professional Development Plan Template
F42: Upgrades in Certification and Pay
F43: Overtime for Non-Exempt Employees
DCSS Policies/Updates
GADOE Policies/Updates

IX. Executive Session

		Purpose	Presenter
A.	Exec Session Voting		
X.	**Other Business**		
A.	Announcements	FYI	All
XI.	**Closing Items**		
A.	Adjourn Meeting	FYI	Jamilia Smith