



Brighten Academy

Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting

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Amended on June 1, 2026 at 7:07 PM EDT

Date and Time

Monday June 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM EDT

Location

Brighten Academy

The Brighten Academy Governing Board will meet on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:00 pm, in the Media Center. We will begin with Governance and Finance Committee meetings.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
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I. Opening Items

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| A. | Call the Meeting to Order | Jamalia Smith |
| B. | Record Attendance | Kristen Moses |
| C. | Adoption of Agenda | Vote
Jamalia Smith |
| D. | Approval of Minutes | Approve
Minutes
Kristen Moses |

Approve minutes for Brighten Academy Charter School Governing Board Meeting on May 11, 2026

	Purpose	Presenter
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. Acknowledgment of Guests	FYI	Jamilia Smith
III. Finance Committee		
A. Finance Committee	Discuss	Cary Claiborne
• Monthly Financials		
B. Monthly Financials for Vote	Vote	Cary Claiborne
IV. Executive Session		
A. 2026-2027 School Year	Discuss	Board
V. School Leadership Report		
A. Information Only	FYI	Donna Davis
• Facilities		
• Curriculum		
• Staffing		
• School Nutrition Program		
• Proposed 26-27 SY School Event Calendar		
• Athletics Recommendation		
• May Surplus		
B. Voting Matters	Vote	Donna Davis
April 2026 Surplus Report		
VI. Executive Committee		
A. FY 26-27 Board Officer Confirmation	Vote	Jamilia Smith

	Purpose	Presenter
B. Board Officer Nominations	Discuss	Board
C. Board Meeting Calendar	Vote	Matthew Vitale
D. Strategic Support Task Force	Discuss	Jamilia Smith
E. Executive Session Voting Matters	Vote	Board
F. The Business Hospital Strategic Organizational Support https://www.thebusinesshospital.com/	Discuss	Jamilia Smith
VII. Governance Committee		
A. Info Only	FYI	Shauncey Battle
B. Items for Vote	Vote	Shauncey Battle
VIII. Local SBOE/Chamber Events		
IX. Other Business		
A. Announcements	FYI	All
X. Closing Items		
A. Adjourn Meeting	FYI	Jamilia Smith

Coversheet

Approval of Minutes

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: D. Approval of Minutes
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material:
Minutes for Brighten Academy Charter School Governing Board Meeting on May 11, 2026

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Brighten Academy

Minutes

Brighten Academy Charter School Governing Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday May 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

5897 Prestley Mill Rd
Douglasville, GA 30135

The Brighten Academy Governing Board will meet on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm, in the Media Center.

Directors Present

C. Claiborne, J. Smith, K. Moses, M. Vitale, S. Battle

Directors Absent

C. Burns Falker

Guests Present

C. Sparks, D. Davis, S. Littles

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Smith called a meeting of the board of directors of Brighten Academy to order on Monday May 11, 2026 at 6:13 PM.

B.

Record Attendance

C. Adoption of Agenda

J. Smith made a motion to adopt the amended agenda.

M. Vitale seconded the motion.

Amendments

Information Only

- Addition of the school leadership report
- staff update
- april surplus
- contracts
- enrollment update
- financials

Voting matter

- assistant principals description
- financials
- board calendar

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

D. Approval of Minutes

J. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from Brighten Academy Charter School Governing Board Meeting on 04-27-26.

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

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

E. New Board Member Ratification

J. Smith made a motion to accept the new board members.

K. Moses seconded the motion.

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

II. Public Comment

A. Acknowledgment of Guests

Radiance Clay

Turkessa Carter

III. School Leadership Report

A.

Information Only

FYI

- April Surplus-1 student chair damaged; 33 damaged and/or lost books, instructional materials
- Contracts to present for the 26/27 school year
- Enrollment Update

B. Voting Matters

J. Smith made a motion to approve the assistant job description as presented.

M. Vitale seconded the motion.

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

IV. Executive Committee

A. Northwestern Mutual Board Member Incentive

Foregoing the Northwestern Mutual Board member incentive.

B. FY 26-27 Board Officer Nominations

Board officer nominations are now open.

Matt Vitale was nominated to be Board Treasurer.

V. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee

C. Claiborne made a motion to approve February financials.

K. Moses seconded the motion.

March financials and budget amendment will be moved to June

- Treasurer, Cary presented the February financials
- Discussed stipends for the 2026-2027 school year
- Policy will review Section D, Financial control, and determine how it can be updated.

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

VI. Governance Committee

A. Info Only

Policies Reviewed

H7- Food Services. related to food services charges. TABLED.

F20- Personal Layoff (Reduction of Force). TABLED.

F24- Personel Seperation. Changes made: removed Fair Dismissal Hearing language.
School issued property will be added.

B. Items for Vote

J. Smith made a motion to Approve the structuring of leadership for the 2026-2027 school year.

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

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

VII. Other Business

A. Announcements

Founder's Day: May 15th

Mean Girls Jr. play: May 15-17th

Kindergarten graduation: May 14th

VIII. 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 9:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Smith