



# Brighten Academy

## Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting

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Amended on June 15, 2026 at 6:15 PM EDT

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### Date and Time

Monday June 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM EDT

### Location

Brighten Academy

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The Brighten Academy Governing Board will meet on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm, in the school cafeteria.

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### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
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#### I. Opening Items

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

Approve minutes for Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting on June 1, 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. Executive Session**

**A.** 2026-2027 School Year                      Vote                      Board

**IV. Executive Committee**

**A.** Executive Session Voting Matters                      Vote                      Board

**B.** Contract Ratification: STEM Teacher                      Vote

Ms. Jamecia Colquitt was offered a contract with Brighten Academy on April 20, 2026. The Board was officially informed of a family relationship on June 11, 2026, by the Director of Finance and Human resources. The Board will ratify contract in alignment with its policy B3.

**C.** Board Officer Nominations                      Discuss                      Board

**D.** Strategic Support Task Force                      Discuss                      Jamilia Smith

**E.** 2026-2027 Transition Responsibilities                      Vote                      Jamilia Smith

**V. Finance Committee**

**A.** Finance Committee                      Discuss                      Cary Claiborne

- Monthly Financials

**B.** 26-27 Budget Approval for Vote                      Vote                      Cary Claiborne

**VI. School Leadership Report**

**A.** Information Only                      FYI                      Donna Davis

- Facilities

Purpose                      Presenter

- Curriculum
- Staffing
- School Nutrition Program
- Proposed 26-27 SY School Event Calendar
- Athletics Recommendation
- May Surplus

**VII. Governance Committee**

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| <b>A.</b> Info Only      | FYI  | Shauncey Battle |
| <b>B.</b> Items for Vote | Vote | Shauncey Battle |

**VIII. Local SBOE/Chamber Events**

**IX. Other Business**

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| <b>A.</b> Announcements | FYI | All |
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**X. Closing Items**

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| <b>A.</b> Adjourn Meeting | FYI | Jamilia Smith |
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# Coversheet

## Approval of Minutes

**Section:** I. Opening Items  
**Item:** D. Approval of Minutes  
**Purpose:** Approve Minutes  
**Submitted by:**  
**Related Material:** Minutes for Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting on June 1, 2026

APPROVED



# Brighten Academy

## Minutes

### Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday June 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

Brighten Academy

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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.

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#### **Directors Present**

C. Claiborne, E. Hammonds, J. Smith, K. Moses, L. Bryant, M. Vitale, R. Coffee, S. Battle, T. Cabrera

#### **Directors Absent**

C. Burns Falker

#### **Guests Present**

A. Cameron, C. Sparks, D. Davis, K. Smith, S. Littles

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### **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 Jun 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

#### **B.**

## **Record Attendance**

### **C. Adoption of Agenda**

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

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

Moved finance before the executive session

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

### **D. Approval of Minutes**

J. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/11/26.

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

added notes to the minutes regarding structuring of leadership for 26-27 school year.

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

## **II. Public Comment**

### **A. Acknowledgment of Guests**

Brian Erkhart- Concerns about teacher retention

Kriston Peterson- Technology expenses concern

Sharon Young- Discussed dress code of the students.

## **III. Finance Committee**

### **A. Finance Committee**

Discussed March and April financials and amended budget.

### **B. Monthly Financials for Vote**

M. Vitale made a motion to approve April financials (March included in financials).

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

Cary also made a motion to approve the 25-26 amended budget. Matt seconded. Motion passed.

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

## **IV. Executive Session**

### **A. 2026-2027 School Year**

Discussion regarding administrative matters and EOY reviews.

## **V. School Leadership Report**

### **A. Information Only**

tabled for 6/15/26 board meeting.

## **B. Voting Matters**

M. Vitale made a motion to approve surplus report.

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

Matt made motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar.

Cary seconded.

Motion passed.

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

## **VI. Executive Committee**

### **A. FY 26-27 Board Officer Confirmation**

Tabled until 6/15 board meeting.

### **B. Board Officer Nominations**

C. Claiborne made a motion to Vote Matt Vitale to become 2026-2027 Board Treasurer.

S. Battle seconded the motion.

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

### **C. Board Meeting Calendar**

M. Vitale made a motion to approve 2026-2027 school calendar.

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Strategic Support Task Force**

Tabled until 6/15 board meeting.

### **E. Executive Session Voting Matters**

J. Smith made a motion to Approve the 2027-2027 organizational structure to include a Director of Academics and School Operations and Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning.

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

approve the that the board will proceed with extending verbal confirmation of interest to identify candidates for the Executive Director and Director of Academics and School Operations roles and to engage board council to prepare documentation.

Shauncey seconded.

Passed,

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

### **F. The Business Hospital Strategic Organizational Support**

J. Smith made a motion to approve the engagement of the Business Hospital to work with the board for organizational and ongoing support.

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

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

## **VII. Governance Committee**

### **A. Info Only**

Tabled until 6/15 board meeting.

### **B. Items for Vote**

## **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 11:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Smith