APPROVED

Brighten Academy

Minutes

Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday June 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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.

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

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 Brighten Academy Charter School Governing Board Meeting on 05-11-26.
C. Claiborne seconded the motion.
added notes to the minutes regarding structuring of leadership for 26-27 school year
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Public Comment

A. Aknowledgment 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