



# Brighten Academy

## Minutes

### Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Monday June 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

**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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**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

M. Vitale

**Guests Present**

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 15, 2026 at 6:13 PM.

**B.**

## **Record Attendance**

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

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

S. Battle seconded the motion.

Amendment:

- Budget approval

- 2026-2027 transition responsibilities

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

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

J. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting on 06-01-26.

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

Sharon Young discussed dress code at the June 1 meeting.

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

## **II. Public Comment**

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

Kriston Peterson: Questions about the inclusions of multiple director roles and not hiring an AP.

Terry Pino: Outside of the published meetings, Pino wanted to know if communication would be sent out to teachers and administration.

Tony Aybar: Wanted to know if the needs of the staff align with the survey results.

Lori Tidwell

Donna Turner

Dr. Terry Pino

Sandi Gore

Sara Louhr

## **III. Executive Committee**

### **A. Executive Session Voting Matters**

- Implement the final version of the 2026-2027 organization structure second by Cary. Passed.

- All staff that are transitioning out must meet the transition requirements.

- Reviewing and reissuing contracts in accordance with the 2026-2027 organization structure.

**B. Contract Ratification: STEM Teacher**

S. Battle made a motion to Ratify the contract in alignment with b3-nepotism policy. Jade Colquitt.

C. Claiborne seconded the motion.

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

**C. Board Officer Nominations**

J. Smith made a motion to approve the nominations as presented.

S. Battle seconded the motion.

Lakia Bryant- Board Secretary

Evony Hammonds- Vice Chair

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

**D. Strategic Support Task Force**

Strategically support Brighten's efforts including dress code and IT, and other concerns throughout the year.

**IV. Finance Committee**

**A. Finance Committee**

Candy discussed monthly financials.  
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Vote:

updated diversified contracts

- cleaning
- maintenance
- school nutrition

Cary submitted a motion for all three contracts. Shauncey second. Passed.

Technology contract will not be moving forward. Further research and discussion.

**B. Monthly Financials for Vote**

C. Claiborne made a motion to budget for FY26-27.

J. Smith seconded the motion.

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

**V. School Leadership Report**

## A. Information Only

Facilities update:

- Parking structure
- replacement of 11 windows
- bathroom update
- outdoor maintenance is in progress

Curriculum:

- Admin met with science teachers, there is a need for a dedicated science curriculum including STEM scopes, amplify science, or discovery education. The team landed on STEM scope.

Staffing Update:

- One individual resigned. 10 contracts ready to be signed, 3 are pending including:
  - 4th grade ELA
  - 6th grade math
  - 8th grade math
- School nutrition program:
  - -\$28,000 balance due
  - on probation with the Georgia Dept of Ed. The reports were not being done from December-March.
- Scheduling interviews for Head and Assistant volleyball coaches
- Discussed May surplus list.

## VI. Governance Committee

### A. Info Only

Reviewed athletics

f39-parental leave. information only.

h7-food services. tabled for review.

vote

f24-Seperation

Shauncey made motion. Cary seconded.

### B. Items for Vote

## VII. Other Business

### A.

### **Announcements**

Watch the Cup- FIFA World Cup two FREE events at Boundary Waters.  
[www.watchthecupdouglas.com](http://www.watchthecupdouglas.com) for tickets.

### **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 9:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Smith