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Brighten Academy

Minutes

Brighten Academy Governing Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday June 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
Brighten Academy

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

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

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. Aknowledgment 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.
three

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 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