



DeKalb Brilliance Academy

FY26 Full Board Meetings

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Date and Time

Monday June 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM EDT

Pre-work:

- review FY27 budget materials [here](#).
- all materials for board meeting are in a folder [here](#).

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
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I.	Opening Items		7:00 PM
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A.	Record Attendance	Jazmin Counts	5 m
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B.	Call the Meeting to Order	Michael Freeland	1 m
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The April meeting of the DeKalb Brilliance Academy Governing Board is called to order at [TIME].

Anyone that is here for public comment, please indicate by signing up on the clipboard in the back OR in the chat in zoom by X:10 PM if you would like to make a comment.

We will have two minutes for each speaker, in the order in which we receive the request to comment.

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C. Approve April meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Michael Freeland	2 m
II. Meeting opening			7:08 PM
A. Mission and Vision	FYI	Michael Freeland	3 m
<p>Our mission: With unwavering commitment to exceptional academics, leadership development, and community collaboration, DeKalb Brilliance Academy prepares all Kindergarten-8th grade students to thrive in high school and college, have fulfilling careers, and become impactful leaders in our communities.</p> <p>Our vision: Each child will know and leverage their unique brilliance to critically analyze the world around them and to design a better and more equitable future.</p>			
B. Board Commitments	FYI	Michael Freeland	2 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build excellence: We know that an excellent school starts with an excellent founding team. We come to our time together well-prepared, fulfill our commitments, and generate new ideas to accomplish our goals. • Stay engaged: We stay engaged by “remaining morally, emotionally, intellectually, and socially involved in the dialogue.” • Embrace disagreement: We value disagreement and agree to bring issues into the open. It is through dialogue, even when uncomfortable, that we grow as a team to best serve our students. • Take responsibility for intent and impact: We assume best intent, and also take responsibility for the impact of our actions. • Process, not the people: We know that everyone is working hard for the team, and look first at how to change the process, policies, or plans when we don’t reach our goals. 			
C. Public Comment	FYI	Michael Freeland	5 m

If people sign up:

- **Transparency:** Board meetings are a public forum to provide transparency into the governance of the school. Engagement from the community is strongly encouraged and vital to that governance. We value and appreciate the input

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<p>from our community members. As we proceed with public comments, we would like to remind everyone of the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time Limit: A total of 30 minutes shall be set aside for public comment. Each speaker will have a maximum of 2 minutes to speak. A speaker may not sign up to speak more than once during the same public comment period • Board Action: The board cannot respond to public comment in the meeting, and in general needs to listen, and then follow up after the board meeting, this is because the board acts through policies and votes as a governing body, not through individuals, so we cannot respond until the board has the information to respond as a group (as opposed to individually), as applicable. We understand this can feel awkward, but please know that we are taking careful notes and take all feedback to the board seriously. The board will direct an appropriate committee or the Head of Schools to engage in responding at a later time as necessary and appropriate. • Scope of discussion: Please be aware that certain topics cannot be discussed during the public comment period. These include, but are not limited to, pending investigations or legal matters, personnel matters, confidential student information and matters, and issues that are subject to ongoing grievance or complaint procedures. Any attempt to discuss these topics during public comment will not be permitted. • Discourse: Speakers are encouraged to maintain decorum and present their comments in a civil manner. The Governing Board reserves the right to request any speaker engaging in defamatory comments to cease. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in adhering to these guidelines. • Any disruptive members of the public will be asked to cease their disruption to allow the Board meeting to continue. If the disruption continues, the disruptive member will be asked to leave the meeting. • Start public comment: “the order we have for public comment is XYZ” 			

If people do not sign up: “seeing no requests for public comment, we will move to the next section of our agenda”

III. Committee Updates 7:18 PM

A. Governance Committee	FYI	Michael Freeland	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm if any SCSC training hours need to be corrected • All training due June 30th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Year 1 members: complete training on SCSC ◦ Year 2 members: complete training on SCSC & supplement with BoardOnTrack 			

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◦ Tenured members: completed!			
B. Finance Committee Updates	FYI	Quentin Johnson	10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the mid-year, unanticipated \$400k revenue decrease, the school is projected to end the year in line with approved FY26 budget • Days cash on hand in strong position • April financial (presentation + details). 			
C. Partnership Committee Report Out			5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All board members have an annual give/get commitment of \$1,500 by June 30th. Thank you for the fundraising work you do for our school - it is crucial to reach our goals for our students. Only 29 days to complete your fundraising commitment. • If you are a new board member, please go to our fundraising page and click "start a fundraiser". Follow the prompts to create your fundraising page. • If you are a returning board member, because this year's fundraiser is focused on the same goal (we're halfway to our playground fundraising goal), you do <i>*not*</i> need to make new fundraising pages. Instead, please: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 1. Go to your fundraising page and click "edit page" ◦ 2) Increase your amount to include the \$1,500 goal for this year (e.g. increase from \$1,500 to \$3,000). ◦ 3) Reach out to your previous donors (list here) and ask - <i>"Last year you helped get us to the halfway point on the money we need for a playground. Can I count on you to give again this year to get us to the finish line?"</i> • Both - use our marketing kit to help you craft emails and/or posts to get the link to your fundraising page out to your audience. 			
IV. School Leadership Report Out			7:38 PM
A. School Leader Report Out	FYI	Jocelyn Alter	15 m
See slides here .			

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V. Board votes			7:53 PM
A. FY27 Budget Vote	Vote	Quentin Johnson	5 m
FY27 public budget hearing materials available here ,			
B. Summer 2026 facility vendor vote	Vote	Jocelyn Alter	5 m
Vendor selection vote is coming to the board to address two building issues:			
1. Floor Resurfacing			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is not routine wear-and-tear or a maintenance issue; the issue stems from moisture/efflorescence is coming up between LVT tiles. It is impossible to remove and stains the tiles/creates issues of unpredictable moisture on the floors. • This is a very uncommon issue (builders & architects have not seen previously), nothing indicated this in environmental surveys, and subsequent testing since the issue has arisen points to the most likely cause being hydrostatic pressure under the slab/foundation. • Repairs are needed now to keep the facility clean and safe. 			
2. SPED Classroom Adjustment: To address self-contained SPED enrollment being larger than projected, the work combines two smaller rooms into one larger classroom.			
Funding Source: Remaining restricted construction loan funds			
Bid folder			
C. Executive contract vote	Vote	Michael Freeland	5 m
VI. Closing Items			8:08 PM
A. Team shoutouts	Discuss	Michael Freeland	5 m
Align shoutouts to board agreements:			
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B.	Meeting closing	FYI	Michael Freeland	5 m

- **Required SCSC virtual training**
- **Fundraising:** Only 29 days left to reach your \$1,500 goal.
- **Next Board Meeting:** Monday, June 29, 2026

C.	Adjourn Meeting	FYI	Michael Freeland	
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Now we will adjourn our board business.

As a reminder, we don't need a motion to close - I will just ask if there is any further business, and if there is none, we can adjourn board business. Do we have any further board business to discuss?

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Seeing none, I adjourn official board business.

Coversheet

Approve April meeting minutes

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: C. Approve April meeting minutes
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material: Minutes for FY26 Full Board Meetings on April 27, 2026

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DeKalb Brilliance Academy

Minutes

FY26 Full Board Meetings

Date and Time

Monday April 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Pre-work:

- review silent mobile panic alert system quotes [here](#)
 - all materials for board meeting are in a folder [here](#).
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Directors Present

J. Akpan (remote), J. Carruth (remote), L. Norris (remote), M. Freeland (remote), M. Greene (remote), S. Samuels (remote)

Directors Absent

C. Armour, Jr., J. Counts, Q. Johnson

Ex Officio Members Present

K. Herbert (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

K. Herbert (remote)

Guests Present

J. Alter (remote), kedr

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Freeland called a meeting of the board of directors of DeKalb Brilliance Academy to order on Monday Apr 27, 2026 at 7:09 PM.

C. Approve March meeting minutes

J. Carruth made a motion to approve the minutes from FY26 Full Board Meetings on 03-23-26.

M. Greene seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Carruth	Aye
L. Norris	Aye
M. Greene	Aye
C. Armour, Jr.	Absent
Q. Johnson	Absent
J. Counts	Absent
J. Akpan	Aye
M. Freeland	Aye

II. Board votes

A. Charter Enrollment Cap Amendment

M. Greene made a motion to I move that the Governing Board of DeKalb Brilliance Academy approve the Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Charter Amendment Request to the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia to increase the school's enrollment cap from 588 students to 620 students, effective for the 2026–2027 school year.

J. Carruth seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

M. Freeland	Aye
Q. Johnson	Absent
J. Akpan	Aye
J. Counts	Absent
S. Samuels	Absent
M. Greene	Aye
C. Armour, Jr.	Absent
J. Carruth	Aye

Roll Call

L. Norris Aye

B. Cleaning contract vote

J. Akpan made a motion to I move that the Governing Board of DeKalb Brilliance Academy approve the Constant Contract as the Custodial Services Vendor for the 2026-2027 School Year.

L. Norris seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

M. Greene Aye

C. Armour, Jr. Absent

J. Counts Absent

J. Akpan Aye

M. Freeland Aye

J. Carruth Aye

Q. Johnson Absent

S. Samuels Absent

L. Norris Aye

III. Executive Session

A. Motion to enter executive session

M. Greene made a motion to I move that the Board enter executive session pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1) and O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4 for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

J. Akpan seconded the motion.

enter at 7:38pm

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

Roll Call

J. Akpan Aye

Q. Johnson Absent

M. Freeland Aye

J. Counts Absent

C. Armour, Jr. Absent

L. Norris Aye

J. Carruth Aye

S. Samuels Absent

M. Greene Aye

B. Motion to exit executive session

J. Carruth made a motion to I move that the Board exit executive session and return to open session.

J. Akpan seconded the motion.

exit at 7:54

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

Roll Call

C. Armour, Jr.	Absent
J. Akpan	Aye
J. Carruth	Aye
S. Samuels	Absent
M. Freeland	Aye
Q. Johnson	Absent
M. Greene	Aye
J. Counts	Absent
L. Norris	Aye

IV. Closing Items

A. Team shoutouts

B. Meeting closing

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Freeland