



## DeKalb Brilliance Academy

### Minutes

#### DeKalb Brilliance Academy Board Meeting

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##### Date and Time

Monday August 19, 2024 at 7:00 PM

##### Location

All meetings occur at the school's primary address: 2575A Snapfinger Road, Decatur, GA 30034.

Register to attend online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqd-2uqTliHNbQk4Rtf5l6MoBLdAEPBC29>

If you have any trouble attending a board meeting, call or text our Head of School, Jocelyn Alter, at 404-618-2242.

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##### Pre-Work:

- **Review items for “consent agenda”:** today's meeting agenda and [previous board meeting minutes](#)

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##### Directors Present

B. Hartman (remote), B. Howell, B. Riley, C. Armour, Jr. (remote), C. Payton, J. Akpan, J. Counts, M. Freeland, M. Greene, Q. Johnson, T. Egbuna, T. Ruffin (remote)

##### Directors Absent

D. Watters

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## Guests Present

J. Alter

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## 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 Aug 19, 2024 at 7:11 PM.

### C. Public Comment

- N. Hill - Question about optional homework for first quarter vs. homework for the entire school year.
  - Jocelyn - homework has always been optional for early-grade students. Third and fourth grades have it mandatory, and second grade has it mandatory in the second semester.
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## II. Consent agenda & meeting opening

### A. Approve Minutes

M. Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes from Michael Freeland DeKalb Brilliance Academy Board Meeting on 07-21-24.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### B. Mission and Vision

### C. Board Commitments

## III. Facility

### A. August Facilities Taskforce Report Out

- Joseph - questions about use of funds and the purpose of the loans.

Q. Johnson made a motion to Approve or deny the facilities task force's recommendation to extend the PSA by August 21, 2024, allowing the \$50k initial deposit to become non-refundable and committing to an additional ~\$250k in non-refundable deposits and reconstruction spending during the first extension period.

J. Counts seconded the motion.

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

#### **IV. School Leadership Report Out**

##### **A. School Leader Report Out**

Grows - faculty working long hours

- J. Akpun - how sustainable is that?
  - Jocelyn - not much to be done about it as DBA has focused on other staff roles and not leadership, so leadership has to work harder.
- B. Miller—To combat the short cash flow that prevents us from getting more laptops, she suggested contacting other schools for laptops for them.

#### **V. Closing Items**

##### **A. Team shoutouts**

##### **B. Meeting feedback survey**

##### **C. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Freeland