



DeKalb Brilliance Academy

Minutes

DeKalb Brilliance Academy Board Meeting

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.

Pre-Work:

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

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

Guests Present

J. Alter

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