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DeKalb Brilliance Academy

Minutes

DeKalb Brilliance Academy Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday May 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Location

[Add all members](#) All meetings occur at the school's primary address: 2575A Snapfinger Road, Decatur, GA 30034.

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Directors Present

B. Hartman, B. Howell, B. Riley, C. Payton, J. Akpan, J. Counts, M. Freeland, M. Greene, T. Ruffin

Directors Absent

C. Armour, Jr., D. Watters, Q. Johnson, T. Egbuna

Ex Officio Members Present

B. Miller, E. Parks, K. Herbert

Non Voting Members Present

B. Miller, E. Parks, K. Herbert

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 Thursday May 22, 2025 at 7:06 PM.

C. Approve April meeting minutes

C. Payton made a motion to approve the minutes from DeKalb Brilliance Academy Board Meeting on 04-28-25.

J. Counts seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

C. Payton	Aye
J. Akpan	Aye
T. Ruffin	Aye
D. Watters	Absent
M. Freeland	Aye
B. Riley	Aye
B. Hartman	Aye
B. Howell	Aye
Q. Johnson	Absent
C. Armour, Jr.	Absent
J. Counts	Aye
M. Greene	Aye
T. Egbuna	Absent

II. Meeting opening

A. Mission and Vision

Brittany read mission, Kedra read vision

B. Board Commitments

C.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment

III. Board Vote

A. FY26 Budget

C. Payton made a motion to I move to approve the FY26 budget as presented in the public budget hearings.

J. Akpan seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

M. Greene	Aye
M. Freeland	Aye
B. Hartman	Aye
B. Howell	Aye
C. Payton	Aye
B. Riley	Aye
Q. Johnson	Absent
J. Akpan	Aye
C. Armour, Jr.	Absent
J. Counts	Aye
T. Egbuna	Absent
T. Ruffin	Aye
D. Watters	Absent

B. Adjacent Land Parcel Deposit

J. Akpan made a motion to I move to approve the Facilities Taskforce's recommendation to (a) authorize the existing \$10,000 initial deposit on the adjacent land parcel to become non-refundable, and (b) commit to up to \$75,000 in additional non-refundable due diligence expenses related to evaluating the parcel for potential acquisition.

C. Payton seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

M. Greene	Aye
Q. Johnson	Absent
M. Freeland	Aye
J. Akpan	Aye
J. Counts	Aye
B. Howell	Aye
C. Payton	Aye
T. Ruffin	Aye
T. Egbuna	Absent
B. Hartman	Aye

Roll Call

C. Armour, Jr. Absent
B. Riley Aye
D. Watters Absent

IV. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Freeland