



DeKalb Brilliance Academy

Minutes

FY26 Full Board Meetings

Date and Time

Monday November 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Directors Present

C. Armour, Jr. (remote), J. Akpan (remote), J. Caruth (remote), J. Counts (remote), L. Norris (remote), M. Freeland (remote), M. Greene (remote), Q. Johnson (remote), S. Samuels (remote)

Directors Absent

B. Hartman

Guests Present

J. Alter (remote), T. Logan (remote)

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 Nov 24, 2025 at 7:05 PM.

C. Approve October meeting minutes

Q. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from FY26 Full Board Meetings on 10-27-25.

M. Greene seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Meeting opening

A. Mission and Vision

Quentin read Mission.

Tiayana read Vision.

B. Board Commitments

C. Public Comment

Mike announced public comment @ 7:15pm

None.

III. Committee Updates

A. Finance Committee Updates

Quentin held the presentation.

- Days cans on hand are in a strong position.
- Expect improvements to the year-end fund balance once the remaining funds in the loan are deposited after the final loan drawdown.
- No other major concerns for this month. Things are squared away with Ed-Tech.

B. Academic Committee Updates

Mesha held the presentation. Jocelyn and Tiayana contributed.

- Will have survey data soon.
- Showed a preview of the new dashboard, but will not have data until next month.
- Quarter 1 attendance tracked well, discipline data favors well.
- Staff investment lower, 61% of staff last year voted well about school, this year an increase at 85%

C. Partnerships Committee Update

Need volunteers to help with:

- setting up campaign pages for annual fundraiser -Curtis stepped up.
- Recruiting new fundraiser board member- Jospeh stepped up.
- lead fundraiser event/silent auction planning- Curtis stepped up

- Reviewing grant applications and recommending those who should apply.-
LaKenya/Joseph stepped up

IV. School Leadership Report Out

A. School Leader Report Out

- one termination and one resignation in November
- admin covering cafe manager role
- focused on feedback arc of staff development
- holding steady at 498 students (less than 2% enrollment variance will get all SCSC points)
- November attendance daily at 95% (meeting goal)
- Compliance reports submitted all in the same week
- Fun times: Candy Crawl, SAC & NEHS Induction, Fall Fest, You've Been Boosed, Milestones Prep Lunch. TOTY

V. Board Workshop

A. Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) Discovery Protocol

Understanding the comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF)

- Renewal for 5 years is the goal because a 2 or 3 year in a K-8 model could be concerning to parents who are preparing for their scholar to be middle school age and wanting them to remain in the same school.
- DBA submits their renewal in January 2026.
- In our 1st year being eligible for this measure DBA surpassed both DeKalb County Schools (scored 68) and the State (scored 75) on progress.
- The board went over a deep review of what is needed for us to be approved for a renewal.

VI. Closing Items

A. Team shoutouts

- Tiayana gave shout out to board for remaining engaged
- Jazmin gave shutout to Curtis for his kindness
- Mike gave shutout to board for stepping up to help with Partnerships in Brittany's bereavement

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 8:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Freeland