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# DeKalb Brilliance Academy

# Minutes

## FY26 Full Board Meetings

**Date and Time**
Monday March 23, 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.

**Directors Present**
J. Akpan (remote), J. Carruth (remote), J. Counts (remote), L. Norris (remote), M. Greene (remote), Q. Johnson (remote), S. Samuels (remote)

**Directors Absent**
B. Hartman, C. Armour, Jr., M. Freeland

**Ex Officio Members Present**
E. Parks (remote)

**Guests Present**
J. Alter

### I. Opening Items

**A.**

**Record Attendance**

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Akpan called a meeting of the board of directors of DeKalb Brilliance Academy to order on Monday Mar 23, 2026 at 7:07 PM.

### C. Approve February meeting minutes

Q. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from FY26 Full Board Meetings on 02-23-26.
J. Counts seconded the motion.
minor error addressed prior to approving
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Meeting opening

### A. Mission and Vision

- LaKenya read the Mission
- Jazmin read the Vision

### B. Board Commitments

- reviewed

### C. Public Comment

None made.

## III. Committee Updates

### A. Finance Committee Updates

- Quentin made the presentation
- Strategic adjustments by leadership bring expenses in line with budget expectations
- unexpected bump in January as funding expected came in early

### B. Academic Committee Updates

- Mesha made the presentation
- in regards to the academic dashboard and response plan:
  - Corrected scope and sequence misalignments to ensure alignment prioritized assessed standards
  - implemented weekly quizzes and school wide data analysis  cycles to monitor mastery and adjust instruction in real time

    - increased coaching and PD focused on rigor and execution
- in regards to current performance snapshot:
    - strong attendance and student engagement
    - decreased chronic absenteeism to 3.19%
    - strong teacher to student relationships (95%)
    - need to increase peer to peer relationships in older grades
    - reading shows steady growth across grades
    - math growth present, upper grades need acceleration
- Kedra explained the need for acceleration
- Jenea asked what the cause was for the lack
- Jocelyn explained that what was taught was not previously done and that created the slower progression, its important to factor in what was taught and when. Growth is expected.

## IV. School Leadership Report Out

### A. School Leader Report Out

- Jocelyn made the presentation
- Staffing:
    - 26-27 hiring; 438 applicants so far
    - 40 of 62 staff hired
    - 100% of staff offered contracts signed and will be returning
- Enrollment:
    - 26-27: 570 applicants so far (115% increase since our last meeting)
    - current waitlist is about 300 children
- Family Registration was a success for families (revamped after school programs with clubs like cooking and karate)
- Scholastic Book Fair
- AP Award ceremony and Project Partner coaching days
- Decades Day/Spirit Day
- Georgia Literacy Leaders Awards
- Moving Mountains Award

## V. Board Workshop

### A. FY27 Budget Preview

- Quentin made the presentation
- Tonight we are previewing the FY27 budget, it is subject to change, particularly if enrollment cap amendment is not approved by SCSC
- Public Hearings held in April of 2026 with Board approval expected in May/June
- Expecting 606 total enrolled students
- $9.98 million expenses

- State revenues ($8.81M): core funding driven by QBE formulas, Federal revenues ($1.23 M), local revenues ($510K)
- over $5.7M is invested directly into our staff, reflecting a clear commitment to instructional excellence and talent rentention
- human capital is 57% of budget
- Personnel: $4,242,795
- Benefits & Insurances: $1,470,661
- $576,936 net income (an operational surplus that builds our financial safety net
- Board will receive the full 5 year budget projection prior to May vote

## VI. Board votes

### A. Crisis Alert System Vote

- Silent Mobile Panic Alert System
  - SB 268/HB 268: Ricky and Alyssa's Law was signed in April 2025, mandates that all GA public K-12 schools install silent mobile panic alert systems directly connected to law enforcement by July 1, 2026. It aims to reduce emergency  response times for active shooters or medical crises by requiring detailed updated and accessible school mapping data (digital mapping)
  - received 4 competitive bids from reputable crisis/mobile alert companies
  - price quotes ranged from $17k-$50K for 3-5 year contract periods
  - all vendors fell within scheduling guideline
  - Recommendation: Centegix

J. Counts made a motion to approve Centegix as DeKalb Brilliance Academy's silent mobile panic alert system provider for 2026-2027 school year.
M. Greene seconded the motion.
contract will be reviewed by School's legal team
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## VII. Closing Items

### A. Team shoutouts

- Condolences provided for Mike's family.
- Quentin shouts out Executive team for their pivot in adjusting due to the need to change who would be leading tonight's meeting due to Mike's absence.
- Joseph will lead in effort to support Mike's family on behalf of the Board.

### B. Meeting closing

- Next meeting is 4/27/26

### C.

**Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Akpan