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# DeKalb Brilliance Academy

# Minutes

## FY26 Full Board Meetings

**Date and Time**
Monday June 29, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Pre-work:

- review revised local wellness policy, staff handbook, and parent/family handbook (changes in red text (additions) and strikethrough (removals).
- complete all FY26 training and fundraising requirements

Access all board meeting materials here

**Directors Present**
C. Armour, Jr. (remote), J. Akpan (remote), J. Carruth (remote), J. Counts (remote), L. Norris (remote), M. Freeland (remote), M. Greene (remote), Q. Johnson (remote)

**Directors Absent**
S. Samuels

**Ex Officio Members Present**
E. Parks (remote), K. Herbert (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 Jun 29, 2026 at 7:08 PM.

### C. Approve May meeting minutes

J. Carruth made a motion to approve the minutes from FY26 Full Board Meetings on 06-01-26.
C. Armour, Jr. seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Meeting opening

### A. Mission and Vision

read and paused to consider

### B. Board Commitments

Read and paused to consider

### C. Public Comment

None

## III. Committee Updates

### A. Governance Committee

### B. Finance Committee Updates

Presentation by Quentin:

- Cash on Hand in strong position.
- DBA currently projected to meet financial standards with an estimated 85 days on hand.
- There were also cost savings on insurance and tech.

### C. Partnership Committee Report Out

$1500 fundraiser due by 6/30.

## IV. School Leadership Report Out

### A. School Leader Report Out

Presentation by Jocelyn-

- **Staffing**: 92 % of staff offered contracts returned
- 26-27 hiring: 970 applicants so far
- 53 of 55 staff hired

- **Enrollment**: 788 applicants (for 200 offered seats
- fully enrolled for 26-27 school year (we over-enroll to anticipate attrition currently have 693 students enrolled for 620 seats

## V. Board votes

### A. Aftercare provider vote

Q. Johnson made a motion to to approve Legacy Rise Academy as BDA's aftercare administration and management partner for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the the Head of School to execute the final service agreement , subject to final legal and operational review.
J. Carruth seconded the motion.
Joseph abstained.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### B. Technology quote vote

J. Counts made a motion to authorize the Head of School to procure 2026-2027 technology hardware, including staff laptops, student chromebooks, chrome education licenses, charging carts, and small group mobile display solutions, from the lowest responsive vendors meeting DBA's technical, instructional, and procurement requirements, and to separately engage CTS for configuration and deployment services as appropriate within the approved technology budget.
Q. Johnson seconded the motion.
Staff laptops are needed, as well as student chromebooks, chrome education licenses, charging carts and small group displays to support 2026–2027 enrollment growth, staffing and instructional technology needs. This approach is expected to save $15,000 on computer/device hardware and approximately $22,000-$24,000 on small-group displays for total estimated savings of approximately $37,000-$39,000 compared to the original CTS-centered proposals.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Team shoutouts

Jocelyn thanked the Board for the questions posed regarding the aftercare program partner and our desire to protect the school

Mike gave shout out to Jazmin for preserving through technical issues during the meetings.

Jazmin thanked Board for their patience.

Mike announced Quentin's 46th Birthday! Happy Birthday!

**B. Meeting closing**

next meeting is July 27th, 2026

**C. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Freeland