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DeKalb Brilliance Academy

Minutes

FY27 Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday August 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Access all board meeting materials here

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

Directors Absent
J. Akpan, L. Norris, S. Samuels

Ex Officio Members Present
E. Parks (remote), K. Herbert

Guests Present
J. Alter, Tonisha Footman

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 24, 2026 at 7:10 PM.

C. Approve July meeting minutes

Q. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from FY27 Board Meeting on 07-27-26.
C. Armour, Jr. seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Meeting opening

A. Mission and Vision

Read by Quentin and Jazmin

B. Board Commitments

C. Public Comment

none

III. Committee Updates

A. Committee Updates

- Board Retreat moved to next month
- Draft plan to the Board by November 2026, strategic plan approved by Jan 2027.
- Charter Renewal- board voted to seek 5 year renewal. Site visit window is next month
- Community Voice- Family advisory structure targeted for September. Three or more listening by November
- Sept-Oct: site visit
- Nov 1- Audit due
- Jan-Application due
- Feb-SCSC vote
- Board members need to be able to answer how does the board monitor academic performance and what did you do when results told you something, how do you recruit board members and fill skill gaps, etc.

B. Finance Committee Update

- FY26 closed to plan. We finished with $3,096 of plan in a year with a new state revenue decrease
- about 106 days of cash on hand
- $329,071 actual net income budgeted for $325,975
- $128,365 favorable in expenses

- $308,685 (personnel) over- more teachers due to additional SPED needs
- 100% Grants drawn down by June 30
- at 90 of 100 points for SCSC financial performance framework at 10 points above that meets the standard
- FY27 outlook after the CSGF award: $400k Project RISE all revenue shifted into FY27 plus Charter supplement= $956,263 above approved FY27 budget
- Proposed Investment of additional resources- retain $531,263 held for capital needs, $250k playground, $75k part-time operations support, $50k student computers, $25k strategic planning, $25k website update
- Total proposed- $425,000
- If the KABOOM! partnership lands, they cover base equipment-the same $250k boys substantially more
- Discussion was had about if we need to move on from the KABOOM! partnership because it is taking longer than expected to move on breaking ground to build the playground.
- Governance will meet to draft language to send to KABOOM! to hopefully facilitate movement in the playground build.

IV. School Leadership Report Out

A. School Leader Report Out

Opening of year 5

- Staffing- hiring 1 kinder resignation; performance management live for all 57 staff; leader pipeline launching this month
- Enrollment- 613, offering 7 new seats to keep numbers at 620 for 10/1 state reporting, 899 enrollment applications; 528 remained on waitlist
- Academics- BOY MAP administration underway, 80% of staff meeting bar on culture and relationships; 71% of staff meeting bar on systems and procedures
- Operations- dismissal, technology, school meals and transportation systems all meeting bar for both ES and MS
- Compliance- 100% of SCSC items submitted ahead of the 8/31 deadline; 95% transfer IEPs scheduled, 70% complete; WIDA screening launches next week; Dyslexia law screening complete
- Fundraising- Project RISE awarded, CSP applications advancing, CTAE ineligibility converted into advocacy with SCSC

V. Board workshop

A. Workshop 1: Fundraising

Jocelyn presented on need fThe Peach Education Tax Credit and how we can redirect our dollars to the school

B.

Workshop 2: Board Recruitment

Need to fill vacancy for Partnerships and to be prepared for the governance vacancies to come as Jazmin and Mike are close to their final terms

VI. Closing Items

A. Team shoutouts

Quentin gave praise to leadership team and to Jazmin for push about playground, to Mike for his leadership for the new setup for the meeting, and Joseph for his openness in the meeting

Jazmin thanked leadership for their vision in maintaining the school

B. Meeting closing

send prospective board members
apply for PEACH tax credit
Confirm intent to remain on board by 9/15
Confirm committed times for retreat

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Counts