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DeKalb Brilliance Academy

Minutes

FY27 Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday October 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Access all board meeting materials here

Pre:work: Before Monday, please find one number: **your total 2025 Georgia income tax.**

- On your individual return, that's **Georgia Form 500, Line 16 — "Tax."** If you own or are a partner in a business, also find the Georgia tax liability on the entity return (Form 600, 600S, or 700).
- Don't want to pull the return? Estimate it. Georgia's 2025 rate is a flat **5.19%** of Georgia taxable income. As a rough guide, you need about **$48,000** of Georgia taxable income to owe $2,500, and about **$96,000** to owe $5,000.
- You're not sharing this number with anyone. You need it so that when we apply together Monday, you request an amount you can actually use.

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

Directors Absent
J. Carruth

Ex Officio Members Present

E. Parks, K. Herbert

Guests Present
Daphne Wheat, Demetrius Bennett, J. Alter, Jamy Adams

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 Oct 26, 2026 at 7:11 PM.

C. Approve September meeting minutes

J. Counts made a motion to approve the minutes from FY27 Board Meeting on 09-28-26.
C. Armour, Jr. seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Meeting opening

A. Mission and Vision

Curtis read the Mission. LaKenya read the Vision.

B. Board Commitments

Board Commitments were reviewed.

C. Public Comment

None.

III. Committee Updates

A. Finance Committee Update

Presented by Quentin Johnson:

No new change to revenue. Updated vacancy timing trims net income slightly

- $1.32 Million projected net income against $167K approved
- 11% expenses projected year end fund balance
- $11.9 M million total revenue unchanged from Augus forcast
- 27% of revenue received through the first quarter

- Days cash on hand projected to stay well above the 60 day threshold through June
- Board directed investments all reflected: playground, part-time operations support, student computers, strategic planning, website
- Net income down $7,485, driven by revised start dates for vacant positions and a small uniform expense true up
- FY26 independent audit- unmodified opinion. No material weaknesses. No significant deficiencies. No findings.
- Governmental fund balance at June 30, 2026: $2,542,407

C. Armour, Jr. made a motion to have the board accept the audited financial statements of DeKalb Brilliance Academy for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026 as presented by Bambo Sonaike CPA, LLC and authorize their submission to the State Charter Schools Commission by the November 1 deadline.
M. Freeland seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Academic Committee Update

Presented by Mesha Greene:

Culture: four of five measures met or exceeded

- Student average daily attendance 95.3% exceeding
- Suspension rate- 3.4% Exceeding
- Family Investment-96% exceeding
- Staff investment- 85% meeting
- Student investment-77% approaching
- Science-58% (goal 56%) exceeding
- Math-51% (goal 55%) meeting
- Reading ELA- 40% (goal 56%) off track
- Staffing transitions are known factor in 4th grade and kindergarten
- Three grades exceed goal. Two are in critical risk
- 1st,2nd,6th exceeding
- 3rd is approaching (38% proficient)
- Kindergarten is off track (35% proficient)
- 5th and 4th critical risk at (23% and 10% proficient)

C. Governance Committee Update

Presented by Mike Freeland:

- SCSC renewal site visit- October 14
- It went well. Commissioner Lowden named our schools leadership and board governance as strengths
- Recess, lunch operations, eye screening among many observed

- Board members presented alongside staff
- Tracking toward a 5 year renewal in all 3 areas (academic, financial and operational)
- Requested changes for the next charter term- 805 requested max enrollment up from 588 first term cap amended to 620 in 2026, 756 general education: 3 classes of 28 in every grade, 48 self-contained special education: 4 classrooms of up to 12, 1 seat tolerance
- Projected to meet standards in all areas in 3 of 4 years including the most recent
- Looking beyond renewal- 524 families waiting for a seat
- Our adjacent lot- grow on the land next to our current campus or a separate campus bring the model to a second site
- Demand cost and fit are being studied.
- the stance is that every scholar leaves DBA with a high quality high school placement.
    - partner high schools
    - legacy maps
    - brilliance crew (b crew)
    - family workshops

November 21st retreat- any growth path would go to the Commission after renewal, no earlier than 2027-2028.

IV. School Leadership Report Out

A. School Leader Report Out

Presented by Jocelyn Alter:

Entering Q2:

- Enrollment — 614 enrolled against a funded ceiling of 620
    - 945 applications and 524 families waiting as of October 24
- Staffing
    - 4th grade math is in transition
    - 4th, 5th and kinder are our priority coaching areas this quarter
- Compliance
    - SCSC submissions on time with no findings
    - Health and safety visit held 10/20
- Academics
    - Q1 interims are completed across all subjects and the dashboard is live.
    - Tier II Cycle 1 closed 10/23
- Looking ahead
    - 2025-2-26 CPF designations arrive late fall.
    - Audit filed by 11/1

- Finish your PEACH application

V. Closing Items

A. Team shoutouts

- Quentin shouted out Jazmin and Joseph for challenging a perspective during discussion, and Curtis for asking the questions that needed to be asked, and Mike for his leadership, and Jocelyn for her detailed walk-through of the PEACh application.
- Curtis thankful for the walk-through of the PEACH application.
- Jazmin thanked the board members that attended the SCSC renewal visit

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 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Freeland