



# **Eno River Academy**

## **Minutes**

## June Board Meeting

## **Date and Time**

Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

Virtual only

#### **Directors Present**

Adam Haber (remote), David Nagel (remote), Jeremy Greene (remote), Margaret Barr (remote), Sabrina Kordys (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

Charlotte Dungan, Pamela Norcross

## **Guests Present**

Kristin Martin (remote), Lindsey Sealy (remote), Michael Brown (remote)

## I. Opening Items

## A. Record Attendance and Guests

## B. Call the Meeting to Order

David Nagel called a meeting of the board of directors of Eno River Academy to order on Tuesday Jun 17, 2025 at 5:40 PM.

Welcome of new board members Elliot Clark and Trish Blackmon

C.

## Approve May 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

David Nagel made a motion to approve the minutes from May Board Meeting on 05-20-25.

Jeremy Greene seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Adam Haber Aye
Margaret Barr Abstain
Sabrina Kordys Aye
Jeremy Greene Aye
Charlotte Dungan Absent
David Nagel Aye
Pamela Norcross Absent

## II. Reading of Conflict of Interest and Ethics Statement

## A. Reading of Statement

Dave Nagel read the conflict of interest and ethics statement- no conflicts brought forward

## III. Monthly Agenda Review

## A. Review and revision, if needed, of meeting agenda

Review of agenda by Dave Nagel

Sabrina Kordys made a motion to approve the June agenda as written.

Jeremy Greene seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **IV. Public Comment Period**

## A. Public comments in accordance with the ERA Public Comment Policy

Open up for public comment- none received via email, opened up to online zoom meeting to public: no comments brought forward

## V. New Business

## A. Proposed Charter Revision - Student Exclusion

Lindsey Sealy- discussed proposed charter revision

- · Last year worked on updating handbooks, code of conduct, handbook
- Exclusion was an issue brought up last year by lawyer- a clause should be written into charter- clause on removal of persons due to threats and safety situations. This needs to be added to our charter. Amendment sheet can be added to charter

- Lindsey read this exclusion clause that lawyer recommended to add to our charter as an amendment.
- Need board approval minutes for amended charter change.
- · Signed by BoD chair and ED

David Nagel made a motion to approve the proposed charter revision for student exclusion.

Jeremy Greene seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## B. Proposed 2025-26 Regular Board Meeting Dates

Setting dates for regular board meeting dates for next year

- -Discussion on which Tuesday of the month works best.
- -Decided 4th Tuesday of the month works best

Motion to approve for the 2025-2026 school year regular board meetings to occur on the 4th Tuesday of the month except for December we will not have a planned meeting. Jeremy Greene seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## C. Proposed ERA Values

Lindsey discussion on the ERA values

- Want to bring pieces together with vision to make clear all the pieces that captures the essence of where we want to go
- Values discussed on how we build up to the educational model
- Core values that have been discussed: Belonging, Character, Growth, and Creativity
- We want to see these focus on what makes ERA, ERA- consider them with all we do in hiring, lesson plans, everyday life at ERA.
- Weaved into everything and the whole experience for ERA
- Discussion with board of what was presented and the positives around these core values.

David Nagel made a motion to approve the ERA Core Values as presented.

Jeremy Greene seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## D. Board Officer Job Description Revisions

Dave Nagel: discussed the revised job descriptions of BoD positions, Administrative staff.

- Cleaned them up and made them more accurate.
- · Looked good to each board member

· Sabrina recommended getting on website

David Nagel made a motion to approve the Board job descriptions as proposed. Sabrina Kordys seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### E. Staff Handbook Revisions for 2025-26

Lindsey- discussed update on staff handbook (similar to last year)

- 8 added polices- substances, pregnancy and nursing, threat management, pesticide notifications, secondary employment, address confidentiality, and title IX policies.
- Couple things got clarified- equal employment opportunity, grievance/appeal, paid time off (pto) days policies, religious, military, grading distribution expectations.

David Nagel made a motion to approve the staff handbook revisions for 2025-26 as proposed.

Margaret Barr seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## F. Title Grant Application Authorization

Lindsey Discussed- title grants application authorization needs board approval. Sabrina Kordys made a motion to authorize our Executive Director to apply for title grants.

Adam Haber seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### G. Board Assessment & 2024-25 Goal Review

Dave Nagel went over the board end of year assessment

- Survey given to each board member ahead of time
- Dave summarized collective assessment and summarized.
- Opened up for reflection- All members commented in a very positive nature.
- Dave shared ERA board maturity assessment chart-made progress

## H. Annual Retreat Objectives, Topics, and Assignments

Board Retreat slide discussed results of doodle poll on best time for board retreat.

- Discussed potential topics-went line by line of potential topics put forth.
- Trying to get all 11 members all present so resending another doodle poll to include weekdays from noon-6 to try and get all 11 members there.
- Going to try and assign topics and assignments in July

#### VI. Officer and Liaison Updates

#### A. Finance Update

Sabrina went over budget report for May.

- We are where we need to be for expenses and surplus
- Doing well and Lindsey keeping up with all our documentation

#### **B.** Chair Update

Dave sent out an email regarding open meeting law

- Announced beforehand, minutes kept, virtual links given or location, closed meeting needs to be announced.
- For committees need to do that as well. How do we manage these committee meetings, just a discussion around things- can meet without being announced
- Discussion around confidentiality issues and other just brainstorming sessions.
   How can we do this correctly without issues. Can we rename committees to teams or other term?
- Kristin gave comments regarding wanting to get community input into committees
- Potentially bring lawyer to next board meeting to give feedback.
- · Will revisit next month.

## VII. Administration Announcements and Updates

## A. Monthly Administration Update

## **Admin Updates**

#### Celebrations:

• Floors and rugs are clean. Gym floors are redone. Teachers have already begun working in their classrooms.

## Testing:

- Spring testing wrapped up well. Shout out to Mrs. Coburn for a fantastic year of testing.
- Test scores have come back, minus the science and biology scores because this is a renorming year for those tests.

#### Personnel:

- · Casey Trull hired as High School Dean of Students
- · Amy Cowan hired as 2nd grade teacher
- Kristin Pruitt New HS Social Studies teacher
- Michael Andrews New HS Math Teacher

- · David Gaddy New HS Math Teacher
- Jen Grabe Nurse

#### General:

- Admin team has begun meeting in preparation for next school year and we have set bi-weekly meetings for the year.
- Summer camps have been well-attended and kids are having fun!

#### VIII. Closing Items

#### A. Closed Session

Margaret Barr made a motion to go into closed session to discuss items which warrant confidentiality pursuant to Article 33C, Section § 143-318.11. (a) 5&6 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Sabrina Kordys seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### B. Teacher and staff contracts

Sabrina Kordys made a motion to approve the teachers and staff contracts proposed for the 2025-2026 school year.

Margaret Barr seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## C. Executive Director Year End Evaluation & Bonus

Sabrina Kordys made a motion to to approve the executive director end of year compensation plan.

Adam Haber seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## D. Adjourn Meeting

David Nagel made a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Sabrina Kordys seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

David Nagel made a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Sabrina Kordys seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Barr

## Documents used during the meeting

- Amendment Info Sheet For Epicenter.docx
- Proposed 2025-26 ERA Board Regular Meeting Calendar [Autosaved].pptx
- Core Values.pdf
- Board Job Descriptions June 2025.docx
- Staff Handbook Changes.pdf
- 2025-2026 Employee Handbook\_DRAFT.docx
- BoD 2024-25 Goals EOY Assessment .pdf
- BoT Assessment June 2025.pdf
- Contracts for 25-26 (1).pdf