



METROLINA REGIONAL
**SCHOLARS
ACADEMY**

Metrolina Regional Scholars' Academy

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday January 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM EST

Location

Live Stream: <https://youtu.be/laVHnZptSXE>

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:30 PM
Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Sarah Schroeck	1 m
Confirm meeting recording.			
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Malik Dixon	1 m
Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting.			
C. Read Mission Statement		Adam Starling	2 m
Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy provides a differentiated and challenging learning environment that supports the distinctive intellectual, social and emotional needs of highly gifted children and enables them to form meaningful relationships with their intellectual peers.			
D. Administrative Meeting Review		Malik Dixon	2 m
Zoom Webinar Etiquette/Rules:			

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E. Approval of Prior Minutes	Approve Minutes	Sarah Schroeck	2 m

Official approval of posted draft minutes

Approve minutes for 1/19/21 - Special Board Meeting on January 19, 2021

F. Adoption of the Agenda	Vote	Malik Dixon	2 m
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Are there any Amendments to the Agenda?

II. Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines 6:40 PM

A. Community Comments - guidelines	FYI		10 m
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III. Director's Report 6:50 PM

A. General Items	Discuss	Ari Pieper	20 m
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- Director's Report
- Any contracts to be discussed in closed session
- Any personnel matters to be discussed in closed session

IV. Expansion Committee 7:10 PM

A. Status Update	FYI	Smita Korrapati	5 m
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- The expansion committee has been under negotiations to purchase an existing building located 5 miles north of our current building. The purchase of the new building is contingent on the sale of our existing building and we are currently negotiating with a potential buyer on an offer for our existing building. There are no guarantees that the deal will be successful until the date of closing. Therefore, we ask that our Scholars community not make significant decisions based on a potential move until there is a public School Board announcement. We are on track to finalize our plans - whether it is purchasing the new building or staying in our existing building - by the admissions lottery date, which is March 25th, 2021.

V. Governance Committee 7:15 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Status Review	FYI	Sabrina Liner	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Update • NC Access Grant • ED Evaluation 			
VI. Diversity & Inclusion			7:20 PM
A. Status Review	Vote	Sridhar Dasu	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Update • Community Read: "Biased" by Jennifer Eberhardt, PhD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Wednesday, January 27 from 3 - 4:30 PM (Intro., C1 & C2.) 			
VII. Educational Excellence			7:25 PM
A. Status Review	FYI	Catherine Lewis	2 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Update 			
VIII. Whole Child Committee			7:27 PM
A. Status Review	FYI	Sarah Schroeck	2 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Update 			
IX. Policy Committee			7:29 PM
A. Status Update	Vote	Aura Young	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Recommendations • Hiring Policy Edited and Presented as Employment Policy • Future Policy Needs 			
X. Development Committee			7:34 PM
A. Status Review	FYI	Malik Dixon	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Tax Letter Update • Campaign Status 			

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• Committee Update			
XI. Foundation Committee			7:39 PM
A. Foundation Committee Update	FYI	Mani Ramasamy	3 m
• Committee Update			
XII. Finance Committee Update			7:42 PM
A. Finance Recommendations	Vote	Adam Starling	5 m
• Committee Update			
• Budget Amendments			
XIII. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines			7:47 PM
A. Agenda Item Summary	FYI		5 m
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XIV. Closed Session (if necessary)			7:52 PM
As noted in the Agenda or Meeting:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential 2. to discuss material terms of a contract or proposed contract 3. to discuss or consider employment contracts 			
A. Closed Session	Discuss	Malik Dixon	30 m
XV. Closing Items			8:22 PM
A. Vote on any items from Closed Sessions	Vote	Malik Dixon	5 m

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Contracts			
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Malik Dixon	