



Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday May 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM EDT

Location

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

Topic: Scholars Academy Monthly Board Meetings

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:30 PM
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A. Record Attendance and Guests		Julie Doll	1 m

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	Confirm meeting recording.		
B.	Call the Meeting to Order	Dominique Palmer	1 m
	Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting.		
C.	Read Mission Statement	Julie Doll	2 m
	Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy provides a differentiated, challenging, and equitable learning environment that supports the distinctive intellectual, social, and emotional needs of highly gifted children from diverse backgrounds and enables them to form meaningful relationships with their intellectual peers.		
D.	Administrative Meeting Review	Dominique Palmer	2 m
	Zoom Webinar Etiquette/Rules:		
	Meetings will be broadcast to the public via the Zoom Webinar Platform. This medium is more secure as it requires attendees to register, limits interactivity, removes the ability to communicate without permission and does not permit anonymous participation, comment, or annotation. Registration will require the submission of a first and last name and an email.		
E.	Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting - 4/28/25	Approve Minutes Kim Becnel	2 m
	• Official approval of draft minutes for open and closed meeting minutes		
F.	Adoption of the Agenda	Vote Dominique Palmer	2 m
	Are there any Amendments to the Agenda?		
II.	Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines		6:40 PM
A.	Community Comments - guidelines	FYI	5 m
	The public is welcome to speak; limited to three minutes per speaker.		
	Topics should not cover private, confidential or personal information.		
	The board will not respond or enter into a dialogue on topics discussed.		
	At this time you may indicate your desire to participate in Community Comments by raising your hand.		

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you would like to raise a hand, click “Participants” in the lower or upper section of your Zoom chat. 2. In the “Participants” window select “Raise Hand” {Windows: Alt+Y} or {Mac: Option+Y} keyboard shortcuts to raise or lower your hand. 3. When it is your turn, a moderator will identify you by name and then grant you access to speak. 			
III. Director's Report			6:45 PM
A. General Report	Discuss	Chad Carper	15 m
IV. Governance Committee			7:00 PM
A. ED Evaluation	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 360 review • Mr. Carper has completed his self-evaluation • Board is going through the evaluation process now 			
B. Board Recruitment	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-2026: 1 opening and 1 potential opening • 2026-2027: 2 openings and 2 potential openings (all of which are uncommitted as of yet to renew for a 2nd term) • Zero applications as of yet 			
V. DEI			7:10 PM
A. DEI Compliance	Vote	Daniela Tijerina	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our School signed to certify compliance with DEI Requirements. Consequently, the DEI Committee met to review our school's publicly available language surrounding DEI. • The Committee is proposing for a vote the below non-material changes to our language in the school's values to mitigate potential scrutiny from the U.S. Department of Education. 			

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Link to External Page Language Changes - In particular Community Values			
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v7BMYKI0neHAeEYdMZ4ZOv2qfogZODGCCJR4XYsTkOM/edit?tab=t.0			
Link to our SA Equity Statement			
https://www.scholarsacademy.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=345044&type=d&termREC_ID=&pREC_ID=1011894			
Link to our DEI Action Plan			
https://www.scholarsacademy.org/ourpages/auto/2022/7/13/49735814/DEI_Plan_docx.pdf?rnd=1657720751081			

VI. Policy Committee 7:15 PM

A.	Committee Work on Policy Updates	FYI	Malik Dixon	3 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee continues to work on reviewing policies, in particular Media in Classrooms and Acceptable Use, to be wrapped up at the next meeting. • The committee will continue to develop best practices for efficiently publishing policies once the Board has approved them. 			

VII. Foundation 7:18 PM

A.	Update	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	5 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Giving Update • Thank you to Parent Ambassadors • \$361,606 in donations received • \$76,051 in pledges NOT fulfilled • 47 pledges with amounts still to be determined • 87.8% overall family participation 			

VIII. Educational Excellence Committee 7:23 PM

A.	Committee Updates	Discuss	Liliana Lopez	5 m
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- The Parent Survey will be sent to the community this week

IX. FAST Committee Updates			7:28 PM
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A. Upcoming Building Updates to improve Safety & Security	FYI	Alison Hall	5 m
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- Additions in the coming months:
 - Safety shades on all indoor windows
 - Safety stops for classroom doors
 - Perimeter fencing with a key fob system is projected to be installed in the summer of 2025

X. Finance Committee			7:33 PM
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A. Financial Updates	Vote	Adam Starling	20 m
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- Finance Committee updates
 - Fence quotes
- Vote to approve the putting a deposit on fence to spend the safety grant prior to deadline
- Vote to approve the Board of Track Renewal up to \$6,695
- Vote to approve the 2025-2026 budget
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XI. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines			7:53 PM
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A. Community Comments	FYI	Dominique Palmer	10 m
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XII. Closed Session			8:03 PM
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A. Vote to go into Closed Session	Discuss	Enrique Alvarez	10 m
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- Discuss employment contracts
- Discuss student matters
- Discuss personnel matters

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XIII. Closing Items

8:13 PM

A. Adjourn Meeting

Vote	Dominique Palmer	1 m
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