



METROLINA REGIONAL
**SCHOLARS
ACADEMY**

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting (Open Session)

Date and Time

星期一 二月 23, 2026 at 6:30 下午 EST

Location

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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		Enrique Alvarez	1 m
Confirm meeting recording.			
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Enrique Alvarez	1 m

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Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting.			
C.	Read Mission Statement	Kim Becnel	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	Enrique Alvarez	2 m
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E.	Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meetings	Approve Minutes Dominique Palmer	2 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official approval of draft minutes from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Monthly Board meeting on 1/26/2026 for open session ◦ Monthly Board meeting on 1/26/2026 for closed session 			
Approve minutes for SA Monthly Board Meeting (Open Session) on January 26, 2026			
F.	Adoption of the Agenda	Vote Enrique Alvarez	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 Enrique Alvarez	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 using the controls in the Zoom application or browser.			

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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

Jessica Cuneo

10 m

- One vendor contractual item to be disclosed in close

IV. Governance Committee

6:55 PM

A. Governance Updates

FYI

Daniela Tijerina

5 m

1. Discussed strategic 5-year plan. The Governance Committee will meet in an extended session a first draft to be ready to share on next Board meeting.

2. Update on Mid year ED evaluation survey for staff :

- The 2025-2026 Mid-Year Leadership Feedback Survey was available to staff members earlier this month.
- This anonymous survey is aimed to gather insights on leadership, communication, support, and culture.
- We received 34 responses, which corresponds to 68% of the total staff.
- This survey has helped the Board take informed decisions about school leadership and constructive growth opportunities.
- More details about the results of this survey will be shared in closed.

B. Personnel and Staff

Vote

Enrique Alvarez

1 m

- Various personnel matters to be discussed in closed.
- Potential vote on personnel matters after closed session

C. Board Recruitment

FYI

Daniela Tijerina

3 m

- 2025-2026: 1 opening (currently at 9 board members, looking to get to 10)
- 2026-2027: 3 openings and 1 potential openings (all of which are uncommitted as of yet to renew for a 2nd term or add new time)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and Parents are encouraged to talk to those you think would be good fit for the Board • Board Nomination Website • Board Nomination Form 			

V. Policy Committee **7:04 PM**

A. Committee Work on Policy Updates	Vote	Daniela Tijerina	5 m
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- **[VOTE] Title IX Update**
 - Policy was revised to include the Title IX coordinator and new requirements regarding discipline and suspension.
 - A blackline version with highlighted changes is attached and available to board members upon request.
- **Policies in review in order of priority:**
 - Grievance policy - Review at recommendation of counsel continues.
 - Code of Conduct for discipline purposes - Review at recommendation of counsel continues.
 - Staff and Student Handbook amendment - including the recent developments on the use of wireless devices and Title IX Coordinator information.
- **AI policy:** Discussed AI policy guidelines issued by the County and discussed the opportunity to share with teacher staff members, as well as with Educational Excellence, to provide directional guidance back to the policy committee.
- The next Policy Committee meeting will be Friday, February 27 at 8:15 am

VI. Finance Committee **7:09 PM**

A. Financial Updates	Discuss	Liliana Lopez	10 m
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- 403b Plan Communication to former employees (withdrawal capabilities): Draft letter under review
- January 2026 Financial Statements, Budget vs. Actuals (see attached)
 - In line with expectations
 - Field trip budget line item will be reviewed; there's an item under Other Contributions that will be reclassified
- Budget amendments for Local Revenue (see attached) - VOTE for approval

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants Review - updated UEI number to ensure federal grants come in - Need to update UEI number every year • Bearman contract is coming up for renewal and RFP process will begin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Bearman communicated a monthly cost increase of \$500/mo or \$6000/year 			
VII. FAST Committee			7:19 PM
A. FAST Updates	FYI	Xihui Dong	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with school to determine best way to get announcements and alerts to rear playground. • Determining pricing for new HVAC units for longer term financial planning purposes. • Next meeting is Thurs, March. 5th. 			
VIII. Educational Excellence Committee			7:24 PM
A. Educational Excellence Committee Updates	FYI	Malik Dixon	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting April 14th, 2026 (8:15) • Reviewed NC 2025 School Report Card: Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy [A] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ https://ncreports.ondemand.sas.com/src/school?school=60F000&year=2025&residing_district=600LEA • Reviewing the previous Strategic Plan to prepare for drafting the new 5-year Strategic Plan. • AI Policy Implementation: Teacher Leadership Team is identifying teachers to participate in drafting the AI policy. They are also reviewing professional development materials on how to appropriately incorporate AI into the classroom. 			
IX. DEI			7:27 PM
A. DEI Updates	FYI	Kim Becnel	5 m
No updates			
Discussions to continue on			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDS Package--working on a proposal for funding per student from the Foundation. Proposal includes a basic package for each child in this category and a pool money for additional needs the families report via survey. • Helping unhoused families and/or teachers. • Next meeting--March 4 			
X. Whole Child			7:32 PM
A. Update	FYI	Erica Womer	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February meeting canceled due to snow, will reschedule for March 			
XI. Foundation			7:33 PM
A. Foundation Update	FYI	Erica Womer	10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGC updates • Ambassadors for Phone Call Outreach • 2025 tax letters • Foundation Director 			
XII. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines			7:43 PM
A. Community Comments	FYI	Dominique Palmer	10 m
XIII. Closed Session			7:53 PM
A. Vote to go into Closed Session	Discuss	Enrique Alvarez	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss student matters - None • Discuss personnel matters - x1 • Discuss vendor contracts - x1 			
XIV. Closing Items			7:54 PM

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A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	1 m