



METROLINA REGIONAL
**SCHOLARS
ACADEMY**

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting (Open Session)

Date and Time

Monday March 23, 2026 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		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	Daniela Tijerina	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 2/23/2026 for open session ◦ Monthly Board meeting on 2/23/2026 for closed session 			
Approve minutes for SA Monthly Board Meeting (Open Session) on February 23, 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

- Update on the admissions for 2026-2027

IV. Governance Committee

6:55 PM

A. Governance Updates

FYI

Daniela Tijerina

5 m

1. Governance Committee met in an off-site workshop and prepared a draft strategic 5-year plan.
2. School Town Hall (Mark calendars for April 22)
3. Update on new staff
4. Staff pay planning
5. Performance plan for employees
6. 2026-2027 Slate Planning

B. Personnel and Staff

Vote

Enrique Alvarez

1 m

- Various personnel matters to be discussed in closed.
- Vote on recommendations made by the Executive Director relating to personnel

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)
- Staff and Parents are encouraged to talk to those you think would be good fit for the Board
- [Board Nomination Website](#)
- [Board Nomination Form](#)

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V. Policy Committee			7:04 PM
A. Committee Work on Policy Updates	Vote	Daniela Tijerina	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI policy: Discussed AI policy guidelines issued by the County and prepared an initial policy framework to be discussed with teacher staff members, as well as with Educational Excellence. • Policies in review in order of priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Grievance policy - Review at recommendation of counsel continues. ◦ Code of Conduct for discipline purposes - Review at recommendation of counsel continues. • New Policy Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Credit by Demonstrating Mastery ◦ Revisit Instructional Time Definitions • The next Policy Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 24 at 8:15 am 			
VI. Finance Committee			7:09 PM
A. Financial Updates	Vote	Liliana Lopez	10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2026 Financial Statements, Budget vs. Actuals (see attached) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Adjustments from last month are reflected as expected, no significant items to highlight • Bearman contract renewal letter - VOTE • Insurance renewal (see attached) - VOTE 			
VII. FAST Committee			7:19 PM
A. FAST Updates	FYI	Xihui Dong	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City will be installing a 'School Zone' on 77 Center Drive within the next month or two. They also plan on lowering the speed limit on that street in general. • Quotes were received for the HVAC units. They will need to both be replaced in about 4-5 years. The plan would be to also re-roof the building at that time. 			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One water heater had to be repaired and we will need to replace/repair the others. • The Admin team is working on a new custodial structure for the upcoming school years due to inconsistency of cleaning companies through the years. • Next meeting is Thurs, April 2nd. 			
VIII. Educational Excellence Committee			7:24 PM
A. Educational Excellence Committee Updates	FYI	Malik Dixon	2 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting April 14th, 2026 (8:15) • Continue Strategic Plan preparation. • AI Policy Implementation. 			
IX. DEI			7:26 PM
A. DEI Updates	FYI	Kim Becnel	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring funding for resources for Economically Disadvantaged Students • Required McKinney-Vento training done by Counselor • Discussing marketing/advertising initiatives for upcoming year • Next meeting--May 6 			
X. Foundation			7:31 PM
A. Foundation Update	FYI	Liliana Lopez	10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGC updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ More donations this month, but still only 25% from the goal ◦ Family participation increased to 45% ◦ Making phone calls to unpledged families • New Foundation Manager position filled starting Monday, 3/23 			
XI. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines			7:41 PM

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A. Community Comments	FYI	Dominique Palmer	10 m
XII. Closed Session			7:51 PM
A. Vote to go into Closed Session	Discuss	Enrique Alvarez	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss various personnel matters 			
XIII. Closing Items			7:52 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	1 m