Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting (Open Session)

Date and Time

Monday August 24, 2026 at 6:30 PM EDT

Location

Our monthly meetings are open to the public and are typically held on the fourth Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Future dates are posted on the school's calendar and the Board Public Portal. The minutes for prior meetings and audio recordings of the meetings are posted on the Board Public Portal.

Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**6:30 PM**
	Opening Items			
A.	Record Attendance and Guests Confirm meeting recording.		Enrique Alvarez	1 m
B.	Call the Meeting to Order Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting.		Xihui Dong	1 m
C.	Read Mission Statement		Alison Hall	2 m

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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.

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D.	Administrative Meeting Review		Enrique Alvarez	2 m

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E.	Adoption of the Agenda	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	2 m

Are there any Amendments to the Agenda?

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F.	Monthly Board Meeting Minus Approval	Approve Minutes	Xihui Dong	5 m

Vote to approve the Monthly Board Meeting minutes for Open and Closed Sessions that took place June 22, 2026.

Approve minutes for SA Monthly Board Meeting (Open Session) on June 22, 2026

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
G.	Annual Board Meeting Minutes Approval	Approve Minutes	Xihui Dong	5 m

Vote to approve the Annual Board Meeting minutes for Open and Closed Sessions that took place August 3, 2026.

Approve minutes for Annual Board Meeting for 2026-2027 (Open Session) on August 3, 2026

II. Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines — 6:48 PM

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
A.	Community Comments - guidelines	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	7 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**			**6:55 PM**
A.	General Report	Discuss	Jessica Cuneo	30 m

1. School year prep updates
2. Parent/Student Handbook update
3. Personnel agreements for approval to vote after closed session
4. Vendor contracts
    1. Spanish Language program (Proximity Learning)
    2. Bus Program (Olympic)
    3. After school programs (Chess Club)
    4. Board on Track
5. School facility rental agreement with Arasi Nagara Tamil Palli language school (ANTP) and Marathi School
6. Items to be discussed in closed:
    1. Personnel contracts
    2. Personnel matters

B.	Personnel Contract Approval	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	3 m

Vote to approve the personnel contracts and the updated Staff slate as proposed by the Executive Director

C.	Vendor Contract Approval	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	3 m

Vote to approve the vendor contract approvals for the School's Bus Program (Olympic), after-school clubs (Chess), Spanish Program (Proximity), and Board On Track.

D.	Rental Agreements Approval	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	2 m

Vote to approve the School's facility rental agreements with Arasi Nagara Tamil Palli and the Marathi School language schools with the dates of payment being updated to reflect the current school year.

IV.	**Governance Committee**			**7:33 PM**
A.	Personnel and Staff	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	1 m

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- Personnel matters to be discussed in closed.

B.	Board Committees	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	5 m

Whole Child - Monday August 31 (Off Schedule)

- Kim Becnel (C)
- Xihui Dong (VC)
- 1st Monday of even months

FAST - Thursday September 3

- Alison Hall (C)
- Dominique Palmer (VC)
- 1st Thursday of every month

Educational Excellence - Monday September 7

- Beth Gutt (C)
- Xihui Dong (VC)
- 1st Monday of odd months

Policy - Friday September 11

- Dany Tijerina (C)
- Kim Becnel (VC)
- 2nd Friday of every month

Governance - Monday September 14

- Dany Tijerina (C)
- Beth Gutt (VC)
- 2nd Monday of every month

Finance - Thursday September 17

- Liliana Lopez (C)
- Rohit Rungta (VC)
- 3rd Thursday of every month

Foundation - Thursday September 18

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- Erica Womer, President
- Liliana Lopez, Treasurer
- Sridhar Dasu
- Dominique Palmer
- Rohit Rungta
- Adam Sterling (non Voting)
- 3rd Friday of every Month

C. Board Recruitment	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	3 m

- Board Director Nomination for vote for starting 2026-2029 Term
- We have 3 board members rolling off at the end of this year, please provide nominations
- Board Nomination Website
- Board Nomination Form

V. Finance Committee — 7:42 PM

A. Financial Updates	FYI	Liliana Lopez	10 m

- Tax Form 5500 Filing was extended to October 15, 2026
- CD Ladder Renewal Schedule:
  - $259,000 matures October 2026
  - $250,000 matures January 2027
  - $259,000 matures February 2027
  - $259,000 matures May 2027
  - $250,000 matures July 2027
  - $265,000 matures August 2027
  - Renew the above CDs for terms of 8 to 14 months. For purchase amounts between $250,000 to $300,000.

B. CD Ladder Approval	Vote	Liliana Lopez	2 m

Approve the CD Ladder renewal schedule as proposed by the Finance Committee.

VI. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines — 7:54 PM

A. Community Comments	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	6 m

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
VII.	**Closed Session**			**8:00 PM**
A.	Vote to go into Closed Session	Discuss	Enrique Alvarez	1 m

- Personnel contracts
- Personnel items to discuss in close

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VIII.	**Closing Items**			**8:01 PM**
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	1 m
B.	Approve amending tonight's agenda	Vote	Daniela Tijerina	2 m

Vote to approve amending tonight's agenda to update the rental agreements and vendors agreements for the purposes of voting