



Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

Minutes

SA Monthly Board Meeting (Open Session)

Date and Time

Monday August 24, 2026 at 6:30 PM

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.

Directors Present

A. Hall, B. Gutt, D. Palmer, D. Tijerina (remote), E. Alvarez, K. Becnel (remote), L. Lopez, R. Rungta, X. Dong

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

J. Cuneo (remote)

Guests Present

Chasity Boyce (remote), D. Delp (remote), Mel Ahlers (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Alvarez called a meeting of the board of directors of Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy to order on Monday Aug 24, 2026 at 6:31 PM.

C. Read Mission Statement

Alison Hall read the mission statement.

D. Administrative Meeting Review

Enrique Alvarez read the Zoom Webinar Etiquette/Rules.

E. Adoption of the Agenda

D. Palmer made a motion to adopt the agenda.

A. Hall seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Monthly Board Meeting Minus Approval

A. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from SA Monthly Board Meeting (Open Session) on 06-22-26.

D. Palmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

G. Annual Board Meeting Minutes Approval

A. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual Board Meeting for 2026-2027 (Open Session) on 08-03-26.

D. Palmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines

A. Community Comments - guidelines

No community comments

III. Director's Report

A. General Report

- School year prep updates
 - Classroom changes and updates
 - Staff are ready

- Parent/Student Handbook update
- Vendor contracts
 - Spanish Language program (Proximity Learning)
 - half year contract for 5th & 6th grades, may have a Spanish teacher in the 2nd semester
 - full year program for 7th & 8th grades
 - Bus Program (Olympic)
 - Afterschool programs (Chess Club)
 - Board on Track
 - Leaders building Leaders
- School facility rental agreement with Arasi Nagara Tamil Palli language school (ANTP) and Marathi School

B. Personnel Contract Approval

B. Gutt made a motion to approve personnel contracts suggested by ED.

D. Palmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Vendor Contract Approval

B. Gutt made a motion to approve the vendor contracts.

D. Palmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Rental Agreement Approval

B. Gutt made a motion to approve rental agreements with 2 language schools.

A. Hall seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Governance Committee

A. Personnel and Staff

Discussed in closed session.

B. Board Committees

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

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

C. Board Recruitment

- 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

V. Finance Committee

A. Financial Updates

- 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

B. Gutt made a motion to approve the CD ladder.

A. Hall seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines

A. Community Comments

No community comments.

VII. Closed Session

A. Vote to go into Closed Session

A. Hall made a motion to go into the closed session.

D. Palmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Alvarez