

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy was held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the Paul R. Brown Building, located at 1360 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER: Madam Chair Mrs. Minnie Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by the PRBLA Color Guard and recited by all board members and attendees.

WELCOME: President Minnie Price welcomed board members and visitors.

BOARD VALUES The Board of Directors recited the PRBLA Board Values.

MISSION STATEMENT The PRBLA Mission Statement was read collectively by the board members.

ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Roll call was conducted by Secretary Mrs. Beverly Randolph.

Board Members Present Were: Madame Chair Minnie Price, vice Chair Dr. Aaron Cox, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Rev. Scott Johnson and Mr. Walter Drummond. Dr. Michael Wells was excused. A quorum was established.

Others in Attendance

- ☐ Dr. Jacqueline Wray
- ☐ Col. Carl T. Lloyd
- ☐ Dr. Linda Baldwin
- ☐ Mrs. Jeanal McDowell
- ☐ Mia McDowell
- ☐ Nia McDowell

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Mr. Walter Drummond made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Aaron Cox. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Quenten Stewart made a motion to approve the July 9, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Rev. Scott Johnson. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Jacqueline Wray presented the Superintendent's Report.

- Current student enrollment stands at 308 students.
- The goal is to receive somewhere around 90 new students for 2026-2027.
- The cadets participated in several events across the county since the last BOD's meeting. These included the 21st Century Summer Camp and the 5th Annual Samuel and Lillian Smith Scholarship Foundation Camp.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT UPDATE: Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared the following building improvement updates:

- Two of the high school latrines are completed
- The doors in the gym have been repaired and include a door to the handicap access ramp.

EPIC CENTER TASKS: We have 0 pending EPIC Center Tasks.

Staff: Na'Torren "Chuck" Corbett has joined our maintenance team.

Tieba McDowell is a Sea Cadet facilitator

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT: Report was made by Ms. Jeanal McDowell

- The 2026-202 Testing Calendar was shared
- The student scores will be released in September.

VEHICLE UPDATE

Dr. Jacqueline Wray discussed the vehicle report with board members.

- PRBLA has 27 vehicles in our fleet.
- We now a smaller lighter fleet. Maximum seat capacity on any bus is 22 seats.
- All vehicles are being serviced over the Summer break by our maintenance team.
- All buses were serviced during Spring Break by the maintenance team.
- The goal is that we will be at 100% bus readiness capacity when school starts for the new year.
- Advertisements displayed on PRBLA buses continue to generate positive community feedback and support recruitment efforts.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Dr. Jacqueline Wray presented the July 2026 Financial Report.

Dr. Aaron Cox made a motion to approve the July 2026 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Beverly Randolph. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (EC) UPDATE: Mrs. Jeanal McDowell presented the Exceptional Children's Report.

Current EC Enrollment

- 46 students currently participate in the EC Program:
 - 18 middle school students
 - 28 high school students

As we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year, the department will continue reviewing and monitoring student records to determine eligibility for special education services, ensure compliance with state and federal regulations, and support smooth transitions for both incoming and returning students.

CHILD NUTRITION REPORT: Mrs. Jeanal McDowell presented the Child Nutrition Report.

- PRBLA is averaging over 300 meals served per day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Old business items were addressed during the Superintendent's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote on 2026-2027 Beginning Teacher Program Policy – A motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond to approve the Beginning Teacher Program Policy. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Rev. Scott Johnson to enter closed session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel. A motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Rev. Scott Johnson to exit closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Beverly Randolph

Secretary
Board of Directors