

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
May 14, 2026

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the Paul R. Brown Building located at 1360 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Elizabethtown, NC.

CALL TO ORDER — The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Minnie Price, President, at 6:14 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — All board members and others present recited the pledge.

WELCOME — President Minnie Price greeted board members and visitors.

BOARD VALUES — Board members repeated the PRBLA BOD values.

PRBLA MISSION STATEMENT — The PRBLA mission statement was read together by board members.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM — The roll was called by Secretary Beverly Randolph. The members present were as follows: Madame Chair Minnie Price, Vice President Dr. Aaron Cox, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mr. Walter Drummond, Mr. Scott Johnson, Dr. Michael Wells, and Mrs. Beverly Randolph. The PRBLA regular monthly meeting preceded with a quorum. Others in attendance: Col. Carl T. Lloyd, Mrs. Lovella Cromartie, Mrs. Jeanal McDowell, Nia, and Mia

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES —A motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson, and seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond, to approve the minutes for April 8, 2026. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- Mrs. Jeanal McDowell shared and discussed the Superintendent's report with board members. Enrollment at PRBLA stands at 276. We have roughly 106 pending applications for the 2026-2027 school year. We will begin screening and notifying parents in the coming weeks about the summer boot camp program for new recruits.

The cadets participated in multiple community service activities. The cadets participated in the Sandy Grove Founders Day Parade, the Annual Shriners Fish Fry, the East Arcadia Parade and the Vertical Church Golf Tournament.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT — We now have additional electrical outlets in the classrooms in the high school building. We have installed smoke detectors, fire exit signs, and a wireless intercom system in the high school building. Our next project is to get going on the latrines in the building. So we can start next school year off with the high school students having their own latrines.

EPIC CENTER TASK UPDATE

We have 1 pending EPIC Center Task. The Fire Drill list for the monthly Fire Drill dates is due 30 June 2026

STAFF

No New staff members

VEHICLE UPDATE — In April 2026, we upgraded to 28 vehicles in our fleet tracking with the purchase of 3 additional buses. At this point, we have completely moved to the smaller, lighter fleet. We still have the large wrap bus on the road.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT -There's not much going on in the curriculum as we are now vested in shutdown mode. We still have 1 NC Check In to complete, and that will be next week for Middle School and High School. Middle School ELA completed the NC Check In C this week. Our next Professional Learning Session with Dr. Caldwell will again focus on making the shutdown student-centered. Teachers will have the opportunity to set their own expectations for the shutdown and how we hold students and staff accountable in the process. This will increase our chances to ensure teaching and learning will be at its best during the shutdown and testing.

FINANCIAL REPORT — Mrs. Jeanal McDowell shared and discussed the May 2026 financial report with the board members. A motion was made by Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Dr. Michael Wells to approve the financial report for April 2026. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S REPORT – Mrs. Jeanal McDowell shared the EC report with the board members. Currently, we have 62 students in our EC program. This includes 18 middle school students and 44 High School Students. The department is proud to recognize 16 graduating seniors who are scheduled to complete their high school program and exit special education services this school year. Diploma pathways include:

- 7 students earning the Future-Ready Core North Carolina High School Diploma
- 8 students earning the Occupational Course of Study (OSC) North Carolina High School Diploma
- 1 student earning a Certificate of Completion

NUTRITION REPORT — Mrs. Lovella Cromartie stated that in April 2026, we served meals for 16 days, which is 6 days short of our 22-day full month of serving due to Spring Break 2026. We served 3,769 student meals in April. This includes breakfast and lunch. September 2025 still remains our highest month for total meals served and our highest for daily average for serving. With our month-to-month comparison to ensure we are staying on track. In April we average serving 235 meals per day. In September 2025, we average serving 319 meals per day. Again, the 319 meals per day is our highest average servings per day thus far, which is above our 300 meals per day goal. Because we are now authorized to file for reimbursements, we have to get out and encourage our cadets to go through the service line. We also began offering 2d chance breakfast. Our goal is to pick up at least 20 additional students per day.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS — Items were discussed in the Superintendent's report.

NEW BUSINESS – Superintendent's Performance Review

Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS143-318.11(a)(6) Personal A Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Randolph to go into closed session.

Exit close session- Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion was made by Dr. Wells and seconded by Mrs. Randolph to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Recorded by,

Beverly Randolph, Secretary