Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
September 10, 2026

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, September 10, 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 6:02 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. Scott Johnson, Dr. Michael Wells, Mrs. Beverly Randolph; Mr. Walter Drummond was excused. The PRBLA regular monthly meeting proceeded with a quorum. Others in attendance: Dr. Jason Wray and Dr. J.B. Wray, Col. Lloyd, Mrs. Theresa Lloyd, Mrs. Jeanal McDowell, Dr. Linda Baldwin, Ms. Latanya Reed, Mr. Adams, Nia McDowell, Mia McDowell and Trinity Green.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA —A motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Quenten Stewart to adopt the agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES —A motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Mr. Scott Johnson to approve the minutes for August 2026. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- Dr. Jason Wray shared and discussed the Superintendent's report with board members. Enrollment at PRBLA stands at 286. Our target for the start of the school year was 275, which is where we ended last school year on PMR 9.

Our cadets participated in several events across the county since we last met, including the Sandyfield Day Annual Town Day Parade

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT — The high school building downstairs classrooms now have electrical outlets. The outside latrine doors are being prepared to close off that area. We repaired the ceiling tiles in the gym.

The plumber has completed the latrine in the Maintenance Building, and the electrical work is being done.

Next up is to work on the downstairs latrines and, of course, the enclosure of the building.

The 75 desks and chairs we ordered for the high school building should be arriving this week.

EPIC CENTER TASK UPDATE-
We have 0 pending EPIC Center Task.
We have already submitted the 3 EPIC Center tasks due.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT:

SY 2026-2027

School Performance Grades are now public. Our first round of testing is scheduled for October. Every Middle School grade level has at least 2 instructors.

On Friday, August 14, we conducted our Class Schedule ROC (Rehearsal of Concept) Drill to ensure the schedule works and everyone fits into the designated classroom space. The plan is to move the MS Sea Cadets classroom back into the main building after the 1st Semester. The middle building will only house the MS Physical Education classes.

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Testing Calendar 2026 - 2027 School Year

NC Check-ins 1: October 26, 2026 – October 30, 2026

Pre-ACT – October 12, 2026

Pre-ACT Make-up – October 15, 2026

We are somewhere in the neighborhood of 40+ 8th graders. This gives us a strong chance of our 8thgrade Science scores counting for this school year. I do not believe they have ever been included in the school's history.

We applied for the Great Schools North Carolina (NSGS) for $150k. It's very similar to the Stronger Connections Grant we had over the past 2 years.

NEW STAFF -
Ms. Latanya Reed – MS Administrator
Johnice Autry – PT Retiree (Mess Hall)
Zaria Leach (Mess Hall)

VEHICLE UPDATE — In August 2026, we are operating with 27 vehicles in our fleet tracking. The maximum seat capacity on any bus is 22 seats.

We have no significant changes from last month's vehicle fleet update. Buses are being serviced by our Maintenance Team.

All buses are required to be on campus not later than 8:00am. This allows students to have breakfast and be ready to depart the mess hall for class at 8:30 am. Even though we have had some challenges, so far so good with the buses arriving on campus. Our advertisement and recruiting plan is working. I hear all the time, Paul R. Brown buses are everywhere and that's exactly our goal.

We do have a maintenance team that is working on a more effective transportation plan. With the increase in student enrollment, we have had some struggles meeting our 8:00 a.m. on-campus goal.

FINANCIAL REPORT —Dr. J.B. Wray shared and discussed the August 2026 financial report with the board members. A motion was made by Dr. Arron Cox and was seconded by Mrs. Beverly Randolph to approve the financial report for August 2026. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S REPORT- 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.

NUTRITION REPORT – Dr. J. B. Wray shared this report and stated that in August 2026, we served meals for 21 days, which is 1 day short of our 22-day full month. We served 5,498 student meals in August. This includes breakfast and lunch. In August 2026, we averaged 262 meals per day with our month to month comparison to ensure we are staying on track. Because we are now authorized to file for reimbursements, we have gotten out and encouraged our cadets to go through the service line. We also began offering 2nd 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 -

Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel. A Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Scott Johnson to go into closed session. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Exit closed session- Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Beverly Randolph to exit closed session. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion was made by Mrs. Beverly Randolph and seconded by Mr. Quenten Stewart to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Recorded by,

Beverly Randolph, Secretary