

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
July 9, 2026

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, June 11, 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 6:01 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, Dr. Michael Wells, Mrs. Beverly Randolph, and Mr. Scott Johnson was excused. The PRBLA regular monthly meeting proceeded with a quorum. Others in attendance: Dr. Jason Wray and Dr. JB Wray

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — A motion was made by Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Mr. Quenten Stewart to approve the minutes for May 8, 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 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 recruits

Our cadets participated in several events across the county since we last met. One being the 8 th Grade Graduation. He highlighted it because there was a good attendance. There were so many cars, it really looked like a high school graduation.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT — We have new toilets in the high school latrines for both males and females. Our deadline is 15 June 2026, and we are way ahead of that schedule. Dr. Wray will be briefing the County Commissioners in August on the latrine updates.

Next up are the doors around campus.

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 –

### 2d Semester

We are closing out testing for 2025-2026 School Year. We still have a few Testing Outside of the Window session to complete. When students cannot test during the regular testing session, NC DPI allows you to request a Testing Outside of the Window (TOW). We have about 9 online students who did not make it to testing 1 – 5 June. We are requesting a TOW from 9 June – 19 June. If we get them, that's great; even if they do not pass, they will still count against us, so we might as well test them.

I will be sharing the more specific data to the Board of Directors during our Summer Retreat.

FINANCIAL REPORT —Dr. JB Wray shared and discussed the May 2026 financial report with the board members. A motion was made by Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Dr. Aaron Cox to approve the financial report for May 2026. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S REPORT –Dr. JB Wray also shared the EC report with the board members. Currently, we have 46 students in our EC program. This includes 18 middle school students and 28 High School Students. This reflects continued program stability.

In May, the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders' Occupational Course of Study (OCS) Students participated in a workforce exposure visit to WorkSource East, Goldsboro, NC.

During the visit, students:

- Explored career pathways aligned with their post-secondary goals
- Engaged with workforce development staff to learn about job readiness expectations
- Participated in hands-on demonstrations and discussions focused on employability skills such as communication, teamwork, and workplace behavior

This partnership supports our transition services by connecting students with real-world career opportunities and reinforcing skills needed for competitive employment. We plan to expand collaboration with WorkSource East during the upcoming school year, including potential job shadowing or internship opportunities

NUTRITION REPORT – Dr. JB Wray shared this report and stated that in May 2026, we served meals for 16 days, which is 6 days short of our 22-day full month. We served 4, 688 student meals in May. This includes breakfast and lunch. September 2025 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 May, we average serving 293 meals per day. In September 2025, we averaged 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 a day goal. Because we are now authorized to file for reimbursements, we have gotten 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 – Board Members Retreat June 24-25, 2026

Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel A Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond to go into closed session. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT- Motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Recorded by,

Beverly Randolph, Secretary