

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
March 12, 2026

March 12, 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 6:03 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 via phone. 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: Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Col. Carl T. Lloyd, Mrs. Theresa Lloyd, Mrs. Lovella Cromartie, Mrs. Jeanal McDowell, Nia and Mia, Mrs. Willington and Dr. Caldwell.

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 Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Dr. Aaron Cox to approve the minutes for February 12, 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. The decrease of 5 cadets is due to transfers, but they were good transfers because the program was not being successful from those students.

We completed the Chapter 4 presentation on Collective Efficacy on February 25, 2026. Chapter 4 is Enhancing Collective Efficacy Through Professional Learning. Our next presentation will be on March 25, 2026 on Chapter 5. Chapter 5 – Leaders Utilizing Collective Inquiry Framework.

The cadets participated in multiple community service activities

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT —

Mr. Roland T. McKoy poured the cement for our Maintenance Building on Monday. Dr. Wray met with the plumber to finalize those plans for the restroom and the sink.

Dr. Wray requested 2026-2027 funds from the County Commissioners to cover Doors, Toilets, 100 desks and chairs, automatic flushers, and electrical outlets for the high school building.

We have PRC 145 – Stronger Connections Grant Review on March 17, 2026. Documents had to be uploaded by March 10, 2026, and we have completed those uploads. That review process will involve Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. J. B. Wray and Ms. McDowell.

EPIC CENTER TASK UPDATE

We have 0 pending EPIC Center Task

STAFF

Tracie Perkins- Mess Hall Staff

VEHICLE UPDATE — Dr. Jason Wray shared the vehicle report with the board members. In February 2026, we upgraded to 25 vehicles in our fleet tracking. We have no significant changes from last month's vehicle fleet update

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT – Dr. Jason Wray informed the board of the testing going on.

We just completed NC Check Ins for Middle School ELA and Middle School Math. Science 8 will be taking their second NC Check Ins on March 24, 2026. We are currently capturing any students who may have been absent during that timeframe. High School NC Check Ins for NC Math 3 and Biology are being held until we go into the EOG/EOC Shutdown because they only offer 1 NC Check In at the high school level. The Middle School offers 3 NC Check Ins. Spring Break 2026 will be 6 – 10 April 2026. We will begin our EOG/EOC Shutdown on 13 April 2026. Our next Professional Learning Session with Dr. Caldwell will focus on preparing for the EOG/EOC Shutdown and developing a purposeful plan to maximize success. Something we have not done since I've been here, but a process that should make up stay consistent. The Graduation Cohort Roster was posted last month. We are currently scrubbing that information, and we feel pretty

good about our graduation rate being pretty high. Currently, we have a graduation projection at or above 90%. The graduation rate is part of that low-hanging fruit that really helps the overall performance grade because every point counts, and it stands on its own.

FINANCIAL REPORT — Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared and discussed the February 2026 financial report with the board members. A motion was made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Mr. Scott Johnson to approve the financial report for January 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. PRBLA continues to actively review and monitor student records for the 2025-2026 school year to determine eligibility for special education services. This ongoing process includes the implementation of Child Find to identify, locate, and evaluate all children and youth (ages 3-21) who are suspected of having a disability and may require special education and/or related services.

State Reporting and Certifications

Federal Personnel Survey - The Federal Personnel Survey for the North Carolina Exceptional Children (EC) Program is an annual data collection required by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The survey gathers information about personnel who provide special education and related services to students with disabilities, including teachers, administrators, and support staff. The purpose of the survey is to determine whether states and local education agencies have an adequate number of fully qualified personnel serving students with disabilities, as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Data from the survey are used for federal reporting, workforce planning, compliance monitoring, and identifying areas where additional training, recruitment, or support may be needed.

NUTRITION REPORT — Mrs. Lovella Cromartie shared the child nutrition report. In February 2026, meals were served for 15 days, which is 7 days short of the regular 22-day full month of serving due to February already being a short month and bad weather. PRBLA served 4,270 student meals in February. This included breakfast and lunch. September 2025 remains our highest month for total meals served, but not our highest for the daily average of servings. We averaged 284 meals per day this month, up from last month, when we averaged 271 per day. Our goal is 300 meals a day.

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 2nd chance breakfast. Our goal is to pick up at least 20 additional students per day.

Just a note: NCDPI Child Nutrition will visit our campus on April 2, 2026 just to see how things are going.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

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

Review of Board Members' Self-Evaluation. -Dr. Aaron Cox discussed his Self-Evaluation with the board.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT- Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Recorded by,

Beverly Randolph, Secretary