

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy was held on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at the Paul R. Brown Building, located at 1360 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

President Mrs. Minnie Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was 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 Vice Chairman Dr. Aaron Cox.

Board Members Present

- Mrs. Minnie Price
- Dr. Aaron Cox
- Mr. Quenten Stewart
- Rev. Scott Johnson
- Mr. Walter Drummond
- Dr. Michael Wells

Board Member Absent (Excused)

- Mrs. Beverly Randolph

A quorum was established.

Others in Attendance

- Dr. Jacqueline Wray
- Col. Carl T. Lloyd
- Mrs. Theresa Lloyd
- 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 Rev. Scott Johnson. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rev. Scott Johnson made a motion to approve the June 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Quenten Stewart. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Jacqueline Wray presented the Superintendent's Report.

- Current student enrollment stands at 273 students.
 - PRBLA currently have 131 applications for the upcoming school year and of those applications, 61 new students have been confirmed for 2026-2027.
 - 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 4th of July Parade Celebrations.
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BUILDING IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared the following building improvement updates:

- New toilets were installed in the high school latrines for both male and female rest rooms.
- The doors in the gym have been repaired and are in good working order.
- The next task is to move the ceiling in the gym and replace tiles with PVC.
- Additionally, we will move doors from upstairs in the high school building to down stairs.

EPIC Center Tasks

- We have 0 pending EPIC Center Tasks.

Staff

- No new staff members

Instructional Coach's Board Update

- We have closed out the 2025-2026 school year.
 - Infinite Campus has rolled over to the new school year.
 - The student scores will be released in September.
 - We are working on student schedules and preparing for Open House on July 30, 2026, 4:00pm-6:00pm.
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Budget Update

- NC General Assembly updates shared.
 - Exceptional Children Funding Information shared.
 - School Meal Debt policy update
 - Teacher salary schedule for 2025-2026
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VEHICLE UPDATE

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

- PRBLA has 27 vehicles in our fleet.
- We have not used the big buses in some time. We are now a smaller more lighter fleet.
- 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 and we expect 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.
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Jacqueline Wray presented the June 2026 Financial Report.

The report included:

- PRC expenditures and balances
- Vendor payments
- Estimated revenue from other school districts

Additional discussion included:

- PRBLA currently carries no debt related to contracts or purchases.

Mr. Walter Drummond made a motion to approve the June 2026 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Michael Wells. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (EC) UPDATE

Mrs. Jeanal McDowell presented the Exceptional Children's Report.

Current EC Enrollment

- 43 students currently participate in the EC Program:
 - 16 middle school students
 - 27 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.

- Meals were served for 5 days during June 2026 which is 17 days short of our 22 day full month.
 - PRBLA served a total of 882 student meals in June.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Board of Director Officers. A motion was submitted by Mr. Walter Drummond that All Board of Director Officers remain unchanged through July 2027. The motion was seconded by Dr. Michael Wells. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed Session

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Aaron Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Aaron Cox
Vice Chairman
Board of Directors