

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2024

The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at the Paul R. Brown Building located at 1360 Martin L. King, Jr. Drive in Elizabethtown, NC.

CALL TO ORDER meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Minnie B. Price at 6:05p.m. She also welcomed visitors and those in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was done by Board members and others in attendance.

BOARD VALUES Repeated by Board members.

PRBLA MISSION STATEMENT Repeated by Board members

ROLL CALL QUORUM roll was called by Secretary Joyce A. McLaughlin. Members present were: Mrs. Minnie B. Price, Mr. Aaron Cox, Mr. Roland T. McKoy, III, Mr. Walter Drummond, Mrs. Beverly Randolph, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Quenten Stewart and Joyce A. McLaughlin. We do have a quorum. Others in attendance were: Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Col. Carl T. Lloyd, Mrs. Theresa Lloyd, Mrs. Jeanal McDowell, Mrs. Lovella Jacobs and Battalion Commander Jeremiah Malave.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA A motion was made by Aaron Cox and seconded by Walter Drummond to adopt the agenda. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

BATTALION COMMANDER ADDRESS Battalion Commander Jeremiah Malave greeted the Board members and others in attendance. Said he will try to be the best Battalion Commander of the Corps of Cadets. He will also motivate them to keep their shoes shined, belt buckles polished and keep their entire dressing attire in proper order at all time.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Beverly Randolph to approve the minutes for May 9, 2024. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT Dr. Jason Wray shared and discussed the Superintendent's report with the board members. PRBLA currently has 209 cadets enrolled and no students shadowing. Dr. Wray says he is continuing to scrub 2025 graduation cohort to track down students who may have left and are longer in school. The 2024-2025 rosters have about 242 names and growing. PRBLA hosted 2 graduations an in person graduation and online graduation. Both were a great success.

FINANCIAL REPORT Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared and discussed the May 2024 financial report with the board members. Dr. Jacqueline Wray said, the Superintendent implemented emergency purchases only since April to minimize expenditures in the closing months of the school year.

A motion was made by Walter Drummond and seconded by Aaron Cox to approve the financial report. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT Dr. Jason Wray said that the first round of testing had been completed as of June 7, 2024. Summer testing will begin on June 17-21, 2024.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN REPORT Mrs. Jeanal McDowell reported that 36 children are enrolled at this time in the EC Program. There are 16 middle school students, and 20 high school students. They also have 2 children that were referred and parents requested that they be tested to see if they qualify for special education services. Last week 2 seniors graduated with high school diplomas, leaving 34 enrolled.

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy will host the works for me Summer Camp for all Bladen County School students: this includes East Bladen and West Bladen High School students who wish to participate. Works for me is a pre-employment transition service ServiceSource offers for youth with disabilities. Through partnership with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, ServiceSource's Works for Me program offers students the opportunity to develop work readiness skills, explore career pathways, and prepare for their future. The camp will be held from June 24, 2024 to June 28, 2024. Mrs. McDowell reported on May 31, 2024 PRBLA completed The Federal IDEA Funds PRC060 grant draft and it was successfully submitted to DPI. No other known reports are upcoming at this time.

NUTRITION REPORT Mrs. Lovella Jacobs shared report with board members. She stated that repairs were being made to the air conditioner. A summer feeding program will provide breakfast and lunch for the students. The meals will be picked up from Elizabethtown Primary School and transported back to PRBLA for the students.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS None

OLD BUSINESS Dr. Jason Wray discussed testing updates in his Superintendents Report and grant opportunities. PRBLA received \$120,000 from Bladen County Board of County Commissioners to make repairs to the Paul R. Brown Building.

NEW BUSINESS Review and Approve Updated Bylaws

A motion was made by Roland T. McKoy, III and seconded by Scott Johnson to approve the updated Bylaws. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION A motion was made by Aaron Cox and seconded by Scott Johnson to go into closed session. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. A motion was made by Scott Johnson and seconded by Walter Drummond to exit closed session. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Roland T. McKoy, III and seconded by Walter Drummond to adjourn. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6pm. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm.

Recorded by

Joyce A. McLaughlin, Secretary