

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
December 11, 2025

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, 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 6:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The pledge was recited by all board members and others present.

WELCOME – President Minnie Price greeted board members and visitors.

BOARD VALUES – The PRBLA BOD values were repeated by board members.

PRBLA MISSION STATEMENT – The PRBLA mission statement was read together by board members.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM – The roll was called by the PRBLA Vice Chairman Dr. Aaron Cox. The members present were as follows: Mrs. Minnie Price, Dr. Aaron Cox, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Walter Drummond and Dr. Michael Wells. Mrs. Beverly Randolph was excused. The PRBLA regular monthly meeting preceded with a quorum. Others in attendance: Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Col. Carl T. Lloyd, and Mrs. Lovella Cromartie.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – A motion was made by Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Mr. Scott Johnson to adopt the agenda. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Quenten Stewart to approve minutes for the November 13, 2025 minutes. 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 263 and that is 13 above our 250 target. PRBLA is on schedule to start classes in the renovated 2 story building in January 2026. The plans are to add resources to the building at a later date. Dr. Wray shared the Collective Efficacy book with the board. The cadets participated in multiple community service activities to include the Elizabethtown and Bladenboro Christmas parades.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT – Work continues on the new maintenance building. Mr. Roland McKoy has agreed to help with coordination of necessary inspections and other requirements in the project.

The new bleachers for the gym is scheduled to be installed in the January. Once this is complete this will complete the transformation and remodeling of the gym.

STAFF – We have one new Bus Driver, (Mr. Wooten).

EPIC CENTER TASK UPDATE- We have 3 pending EPIC Center Task

1. Grievance Policy due 30 April 2026
2. Board Member Residency 30 April 2026
3. EL LIEP Service 30 May 2026

VEHICLE UPDATE – Dr. Jason Wray shared the vehicle report with the board members.

The PRBLA has downgraded to an active fleet of 20 vehicles in its fleet tracking. PRBLA now requires at least 12 vehicles and 12 drivers to successfully run bus routes. All buses are required to be on campus by 8:00am. This gives students time to eat breakfast and be prepared for classes at 8:30am. PRBLA is looking to purchase 2 additional buses to rotate some of the older buses and use the replaced older buses for backup. The transportation plan is continuously being modified and improved.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT –Dr. Jason Wray reported that testing is currently underway.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared and discussed the November 2025 financial report with the board members. A motion was made Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Dr. Michael Wells to approve the financial report for November 2025. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN’S REPORT – Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared the EC report with the board members.

Currently, we have 61 students in our EC program. This includes 17 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 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.

NUTRITION REPORT – Mrs. Lovella Cromartie shared the child nutrition report.

In November 2025, meals were served for 11 days which is 11 days short of the regular 22 day full month of serving due to the Thanksgiving Break. PRBLA served 5,125 student meals in November. This included breakfast and lunch. The PRBLA averaged 319 meals per day. The PRBLA is now authorized to file for reimbursements. The PRBLA child nutrition reimbursements for November is \$12,151.89.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS – Old business items were discussed in the Superintendent's report.

NEW BUSINESS –Board member self-evaluations were presented by Dr. Michael Wells, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mr. Walter Drummond, and Mrs. Minnie Price.

CLOSED SESSIONS – No closed session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond to adjourn. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:49pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Recorded by,

Dr. Aaron Cox, Vice Chairman