

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

The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, September 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 Madam Chairperson, Ms. Minnie Price, at 6:02 PM.
- **Presentation of Colors** -The Paul R. Brown Color Guard presented the colors.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**-The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all board members and guests.
- **Welcome**- Chairperson Ms. Minnie Price welcomed board members and visitors.
- **Board Values & Mission Statement**- Board values and the Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy mission statement were recited collectively by all board members.
- **Roll Call / Quorum**- Mrs. Beverly Randolph, Secretary, conducted the roll call. A quorum was confirmed.

Members Present: Ms. Minnie Price, Chairperson, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Walter Drummond, Mrs. Beverly Randolph, Dr. Michael Wells, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Dr. Aaron Cox, Vice Chairperson (via phone). Other attendees were: Dr. Jason Wray, Mrs. Jeanal McDowell, Mrs. Lovella Cromartie, LTC Carl T. Lloyd, and Mrs. Theresa Lloyd.

- **Adoption of Agenda**- A motion by Mr. Scott Johnson seconded by Mr. Quenten Stewart to adopt the agenda. Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried.
- **Approval of Minutes**- A motion by Mr. Quenten Stewart, seconded by Mr. Scott Johnson to approve the minutes for August 14, 2025 with corrections, if any. Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried.
- **Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Jason Wray

Enrollment: 282 students as of September 11 which is 32 more than our target of 250.

Staff had their first presentation on our book study, Collective Efficacy. We will do a presentation every month.

Cadet Participation: The Sandyfield Community Parade and the Savannah Temple Friends and Community Day.

Building Improvement: Latrines are now functional. Doors are being repaired around the campus. New bleachers will be installed in the gym in January. That will complete the transformation of the gym.

Our Insurance policy is up to date and now covers the gym.

Staffing: Hired No New Staff

Transportation: 23 vehicles in fleet. Looking to reduce to 20 vehicles. We require 10 buses and drivers daily. All buses are serviced and ready. County Commissioners approved \$30,000.00 to purchase a maintenance building so our mechanics does not have to work in the elements.

EPIC Center Tasks Pending: Grievance Policy due 30 April 2026

- **Financial Report** – Ms. Jeanal McDowell presented and reviewed the August 2025 Financial Report. A motion by Dr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the financial report for August 2025. Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried.
- **Exceptional Children Report** – Ms. McDowell Serving 56 students: 15 middle school, 41 high school. Monitoring 2025–26 enrollments for special education needs.
- **Nutrition Report** – Mrs. Cromartie reported that she served meals for 20 days, which is 2 days short of the 22-day full month of service. We served 4,908 student meals in August.
- **Open for Public Comments** – None
- **Closed Session** – No closed session needed
- **Old Business-** Testing Updates/ Feedback
 - Grant Opportunities
 - Price-McKoy Field House Update
 - Epic Center Task UpdateAll items discussed in Superintendent's report.
- **New Business-** Election of Officers: Chairman and Vice Chairman: Motion by Mr. Scott Johnson for officers to remain the same, seconded by Mrs. Randolph. Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried.
- Finance Training – Chairman Ms. Minnie Price reminded members of the Finance Training on September 24, 2025 at 9:00am.
- **Adjournment-** Motion by Mr. Scott Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Randolph to adjourn. Vote: Unanimous – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.