

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
May 8, 2025

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the Paul R. Brown Building located at 1360 Martin L. King Jr. Drive in Elizabethtown, NC.

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by President Minnie Price at 6:00pm.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS – The colors were posted by PRBLA Color Guard.

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. Roland T. McKoy, III, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mr. Scott Johnson, and Mr. Walter Drummond. Mrs. Beverly Randolph was present remotely via telephone call-in. Joyce A. McLaughlin had an excused absence. The PRBLA regular monthly meeting preceded with a quorum. Others in attendance: Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Col. Carl T. Lloyd, Mrs. Lovella Cromartie and Mrs. Theresa Lloyd.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Roland T. McKoy, III to approve minutes with corrections if any for the April 10, 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 237 that's 33 higher than the beginning of the start of the school year. Applications are monitored on a weekly basis to ensure we capture all interested families. The enrollment goal for this year is 250. The cadets have participated in several events across the county. They are as follows: the annual Military Ball, the Junior/Senior ring ceremony, the Carver's Creek Parade and the Relay Walk for Life.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT – The PRBLA received new desks and chairs in the amount of \$48,000. These funds were reimbursed by the Bladen County Board of Commissioners.

The Bladen County Board of Commissioners allocated \$50,000 in their budget to purchase new desks and chairs at PRBLA. The purchase of the two refurbished floor buffers and scrubbers have allowed PRBLA to keep its floors looking a lot better in both buildings.

Plans are in place with Powell Cross to repair restrooms without shutting off the water on the Cadets side of the building.

STAFF – No new staff.

EPIC CENTER TASK UPDATE-No EPIC Center Task Updates.

VEHICLE UPDATE – Dr. Jason Wray shared the vehicle report with the board members. The PRBLA has 23 vehicles in our fleet. PRBLA requires at least 10 vehicles and 10 drivers to successfully run the bus routes. In April PRBLA spent \$5,392.87 in vehicle maintenance for a total of \$123,354.14 over the school year. PRBLA had \$12,962.86 in fuel cost in April for a total of \$119,960.68 for the school year. Going forward PRBLA will continue exploring using smaller vehicles for transportation to save on fuel and maintenance costs.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared and discussed the April 2025 financial report with the board members. A motion was made Walter Drummond and seconded by Beverly Randolph to approve the financial report for April 2025. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT –During teacher appreciation week, events and delights are planned for the teachers all week.

ELA and MS have completed their NC Check-in. Scheduled is High School Math and Middle School Science 8 to complete their NC Check-in in the next few days.

During the shutdown all students who are scheduled in an EOG/EOC course will follow a modified schedule to enable cadet support on specific areas.

The Office of Charter School onsite renewal visit was conducted on April 15, 2025.

Legislative updates that impact PRBLA was shared with the PRBLA BOD.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S REPORT – Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared EC report with the board members. No changes were reported from the previous report on April 10, 2025.

NUTRITION REPORT – Mrs. Lovella Cromartie shared with the PRBLA BOD's.

In April 2025, meals were served for 16 days which are 6 days short of the 22 day full month of serving due to Spring Break 2025. PRBLA served a total of 3146 student meals in April as compared to serving 3514 meals served in March. This include breakfast and lunch. In April we served on average 197 meals per day which is PRBLA highest daily average. We are not being

reimbursed for meals by NCDPI until we are reinstated back into the National School Lunch Program.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

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

NEW BUSINESS --Board Training Update – The last mandatory training will be May 22, 2025 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

CLOSED SESSION – At 6:36pm Mr. Roland T. McKoy, III made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with NCGS143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel. It was seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION-At 6:46pm Mr. Walter Drummond made a motion to come out of closed session. It was seconded by Mr. Scott Johnson. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion was made by Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Mr. Scott Johnson to adjourn. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Recorded by,

Dr. Aaron Cox, Vice Chairman