

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
July 10, 2025

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, July 10, 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 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, Mr. Walter Drummond and Mrs. Beverly Randolph. Ms. Joyce A. McLaughlin was absent. The PRBLA regular monthly meeting preceded with a quorum. Others in attendance: Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Col. Carl T. Lloyd, and Dr. Michael Wells.

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 with corrections if any for the June 12, 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 ended at 237 and that’s 13 away from our 250 target. We will learn our attrition rate later this month. Also, we will have to be prepared for those who do not indicate whether they will be returning next year and just report to school when we start the new year. The cadets have participated in several events across the county to include posting colors at the Bladen County Charters of Freedom on July 2, 2025.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT – Work has begun on latrines. We have pressure washed the PRB Building, and we have begun replacing doors around the campus. Additionally, our insurance policy is being updated.

STAFF – No new staff.

EPIC CENTER TASK UPDATE-No EPIC Center Task pending.

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. 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. The transportation plan is in continuous development so that we continue to meet our goals.

Presently, all vehicles are on campus and being serviced for the beginning of the school year in August. The onsite mechanic has greatly improved our vehicle fleet management and helps with the overall management of vehicles.

The Bladen County Board of Commissioners approved \$30K to purchase a maintenance building. This will improve our mechanic working conditions especially during inclement weather.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT –Dr. Jason Wray reported that all testing has been completed and the official results are not due out until August 12.

PowerSchool is no longer available. Infinite campus became our live site on July 8, 2025. Teachers will begin Infinite Campus training in August for our Welcome Back Retreat.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared and discussed the July 2025 financial report with the board members. A motion was made Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Mr. Roland McKoy to approve the financial report for July 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 38 students in our EC program. This includes 13 middle school students and 25 High School Students. No reports or certifications were submitted to DPI since the last board meeting.

NUTRITION REPORT – Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared with the PRBLA BOD’s, the child nutrition report.

In June 2025, meals were served for 5 days which is 17 days short of the regular 22 day full month of serving. PRBLA served 1,006 student meals in June.

Students involved in summer activities at PRBLA will be served summer time meals by the Bladen County Public Schools.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – Dr. Michael Wells addressed the PRBLA Board of Directors expressing his support and belief in the school. Further, Dr. Wells expressed his desire to become a member of the PRBLA Board of Directors. Dr. Wells highlighted that he has 50yrs of experience working in schools to include two alternative schools. He has visited schools in all 50 US states. His priorities include continued student growth, maturity of students, and leadership qualities. He is impressed with the PRBLA's school, people, staff, administration, and Board of Directors. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge having served with several schools and on numerous committees/boards. Additionally, Dr. Wells has authored and co-authored several articles, publications, and books.

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

NEW BUSINESS –No new business items were presented

CLOSED SESSION – No closed session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion was made by Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Mrs. Beverly Randolph to adjourn. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Recorded by,

Dr. Aaron Cox, Vice Chairman