

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
June 12, 2025 6:00 PM
Minutes

The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, 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 Madame Chairperson Minnie Price at 6:00 pm.

COLORS POSTED by PRBLA Color Guard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by board members and others in attendance.

WELCOME Madame Chairperson Minnie Price welcomed and greeted board members and visitors.

BOARD VALUES were repeated by board members.

PRBLA MISSION STATEMENT was read together by board members.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM Mrs. Beverly Randolph called the roll. Members present were: Ms. Minnie Price, Mr. Aaron Cox via phone, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mrs. Beverly Randolph, Mr. Roland T. McKoy III, Mr. Scott Johnson and Mr. Walter Drummond. Secretary Joyce McLaughlin was absence. Others present were: Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Mrs. Theresa Lloyd, LTC Lloyd, Mrs. Lovell Jacobs Cromartie, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Jeanel McDowell, and her daughters Nia and Mia.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve minutes for May 8, 2025. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -Dr. Jason Wray shared and discussed his report with the board members. The PRBLA Cadet enroll is at 237 that is just 13 away form our target goal of 250. The Cadets have participated in multiple events across the county.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT –We have begun on the other side of the Paul R. Brown Building latrines. We have been waiting for quite some time to get this project started.

EPIC CENTER TASKS -We have 3 pending EPIC CENTER TASKS.

1. Nepotism Policy
2. Criminal Background Check- being vote on tonight
3. Fire Inspection- Completed we are just waiting on the report.

STAFF – No new Staff Members.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT- We have just completed testing, remediation, and retesting. We are waiting for results to be compiled and finalized. Everything must be finalized by June 26, 2025. PowerSchool will no longer be available in North Carolina. All North Carolina Public Schools will be operating under Infinite Campus

Dr. Wray also provided the Board with a copy of the Legislative Updates

VEHICLE FLEET UPDATE- reported by Dr. Wray

As of May 2025, we have 23 vehicles in our fleet, we have 1 vehicle that is coded red, meaning it is not functioning, we have 4 coded yellow, in need of repairs. The vehicle fleet status only changes after a vehicle is down or expected to be down for 72 hours.

Vehicle maintenance cost total for this year \$123,354.14. We spent \$119,960.68 in fuel cost for this school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared the May 2025, financial report with the board members. Copies of the report were given to board members and discussed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Beverly Randolph and seconded by Mr. Scott Johnson to approve the financial report for May 2025. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EC COORDINATOR REPORT- Jeanal McDowell shared her report with the board members.

There are 48 EC students, 13 middle school students, and 35 high school students. Mrs. McDowell said the records of students enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year will continue to be monitored to determine if those students have been identified and require Special Education Services.

On May 31st, 10 seniors who received special education services graduated with a high school diploma, reducing our headcount to 38 students. Seven seniors graduated with a regular North Carolina high school diploma, and three graduated with an Occupational Course of Study high school diploma.

NUTRITIONAL REPORT – Mrs. Lovella Jacobs Cromartie shared her report with the board members. In May 2025, she served meals for 20 days, which is 4 days short of the normal 22-day full month. She served 4,111 student meals in May as compared to serving 3146 in April. This includes breakfast and lunch. This gives us a month-to-month comparison to ensure we are

staying on track. In April, we averaged serving over 197 meals per day in May, we averaged 205 meals per day. That is the highest daily average of meals served. Just a reminder, NCDPI will not reimburse us for meals until we are reinstated into the National School Lunch Program. We will be serving summertime meals through Bladen County Schools starting next week.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS –None

OLD BUSINESS Discussed in Superintendent's report

NEW BUSINESS

Vote on Local Wellness Plan for Child Nutrition – Motion was made by Mr. Roland T. McKoy, III and seconded by Mr. Quenten Stewart to approve the plan. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Vote on Criminal History Checks – Motion was made by Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Dr. Aaron Cox to approve Criminal History Checks. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Board Retreat – Board Retreat will be June 25-26, 2025.

Closed Session – Motion made by Mr. Roland T. McKoy, III to go into closed session according to NCGS143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel and seconded by Dr. Aaron Cox. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Motion made by Dr. Aaron Cox and seconded by Mr. Scott Johnson to exit closed session. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Mr. Drummond and seconded by Dr. Cox to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Recorded by
Beverly Randolph