

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
February 12, 2026

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, 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 6:02 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — All board members and others present recited the pledge.

WELCOME — President Minnie Price greeted board members and visitors.

BOARD VALUES — Board members repeated the PRBLA BOD values.

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

ROLL CALL/QUORUM — The roll was called by Secretary Beverly Randolph. The members present were as follows: Madame Chair Minnie Price, Vice President Dr. Aaron Cox, Mr. Quenten Stewart, Mr. Walter Drummond, Mr. Scott Johnson, Dr. Michael Wells, and Mrs. Beverly Randolph. The PRBLA regular monthly meeting preceded with a quorum. Others in attendance: Dr. Jason Wray, Dr. Jacqueline Wray, Col. Carl T. Lloyd, Mrs. Theresa Lloyd, Mrs. Lovella Cromartie, Mrs. Jeanal McDowell, Nia and Mia, Mrs. Willington and Mr. Adams

ADOPTION OF AGENDA — A motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond to adopt the agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — A motion was made by Mr. Walter Drummond and seconded by Mr. Quenten Stewart to approve the minutes for January 8, 2026. The 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 281. Dr. Wray spoke about The Bladen Journal did a nice article on the high school building being occupied by the first high school students since 1970. There was some discussion about doing another "Open House" to promote and cultivate the interest the local community has in the historic building hosting students again.

Our next Collective Efficacy Book Study presentation will be on February 25 on Chapter 4. Chapter 4 is Enhancing Collective Efficacy Through Professional Learning.

The cadets participated in multiple community service activities. _

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT — Mr. Roland McKoy is continuing to do prep work for the cement. He has added a sink and a restroom to the Maintenance building

The whiteboards have been installed in all classrooms in the high school building. That building is coming along nicely thus far.

The bleachers have been installed in the gym. Our focus now turns to doing something with ceiling tiles. We currently have those paper ceiling tiles that just will not stay in place. We intend to ask the Commissioners for funding support to replace those with a better quality ceiling tile.

EPIC CENTER TASK UPDATE-

Transportation Grant has been approved, and funds went into the account on February 4, 2026. This is our 2d year receiving the maximum amount of refund. The maximum was \$65K, but we got an additional \$4k that was labeled Charter School Funds

We have 3 pending Epic Center Tasks

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

STAFF - Dr. Linda Baldwin – Administrator

Mr. Tyree Belgrave – Sea Cadets Facilitator/Bus Monitor

VEHICLE UPDATE — Dr. Jason Wray shared the vehicle report with the board members. In December 2025, we have upgraded to 25 vehicles. They have moved to the smaller, lighter fleet. There has been no change in vehicle status. We are all green for vehicles during this reporting period. We will be looking to purchase more vehicles after returning from Spring Break 2026.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT – Dr. Jason Wray informed the board of the testing going on schedule: First Semester will end on 18 December 2025. We completed our NC Math 1 and English 2 End of Course Exams. For the next 10 days or so, our students will be remediating for the End of Course Retest. We have until 26 January 2026 to finish the retest.

The Graduation Cohort Roster was posted last month. We are currently scrubbing that information, and we feel pretty good about our graduation rate being pretty high. Currently, we have a graduation projection at or above 90%.

FINANCIAL REPORT — Dr. Jacqueline Wray shared and discussed the January 2026 financial report with the board members. A motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Walter Drummond to approve the financial report for January 2026. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S REPORT – Mrs. Jeanal McDowell shared the EC report with the board members. Currently, we have 60 students in our EC program. This includes 17 middle school students and 43 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 the 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.

Upcoming Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Reporting:

Federal Personnel Survey - The Federal Personnel Survey for the North Carolina Exceptional Children (EC) Program is an annual data collection required by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The survey gathers information about personnel who provide special education and related services to students with disabilities, including teachers, administrators, and support staff. The purpose of the survey is to determine whether states and local education agencies have an adequate number of fully qualified personnel serving students with disabilities, as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Data from the survey are used for federal reporting, workforce planning, compliance monitoring, and identifying areas where additional training, recruitment, or support may be needed.

NUTRITION REPORT — Mrs. Lovella Cromartie shared the child nutrition report. In January 2026, meals were served for 17 days, which is 5 days short of the regular 22-day full month of serving due to the Holidays and bad weather. PRBLA served 4,600 student meals in January. This included breakfast and lunch. The PRBLA averaged 271 meals per day. Because we are now authorized to file for reimbursements, we have to get out and encourage our cadets to go through the service line. We also began offering second chance breakfast. Our goal is to pick up at least 20 additional students per day.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

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

NEW BUSINESS – Review of Board Members Self-Evaluation – Self-Evaluations were given by Mr. Scott Johnson and Mrs. Beverly Randolph.

CLOSED SESSION — A motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Beverly Randolph to go into closed session per NCGS143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Beverly Randolph to come out of closed session. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion was made by Dr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Beverly Randolph to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Recorded by,

Beverly Randolph, Secretary