



## Wilmington Preparatory Academy

Date: April 17, 2025,

Time: 6:30 pm

Location of Meeting: 134 Cinema Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors

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Voting Board members in attendance: Valerie Galloway, Yolanda Rhodes, Ramona Ragin, Carlette Grissett

Voting Board members not present:

Non-voting Board members present: Kevin Johnson, Mary Rusher

Non-voting Board member not present:

Guest in attendance: James Galloway, Selena Cobb, Joseph Robinson

### **Meeting Called to Order by Valerie Galloway at 6:30pm**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance led by Kevin Johnson**

#### **Mission Statement recited by Ramona Ragin**

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Valerie Galloway, second by Ramona Ragin, all in favor, so adapted.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the March 20, 2025, minutes made by Yolanda Rhodes, second by Ramona Ragin, all in favor, so adapted.

**Finance Report** submitted by Mary Rusher (see attached). Financial position currently is in good standing. Projected to break even at the end of the school year.

**Dean's Report presented by Kevin Johnson** (see attached). Discussion held about the plans for Teacher's Appreciation week. Emphasized the need to inform teachers of their vital role and contribution to WPA's mission.

**2025-26 School Calendar submitted by Kevin Johnson.** The updated calendar will be resubmitted at the upcoming board meeting.

**Public Comments (Max 3 minutes per speaker):** Selena Cobb suggested using school grounds for gardening projects. She also passed out an AI generated google search for a nonprofit COO job description. She expressed interest in a paid role at WPA and is also open to volunteering.



## **Wilmington Preparatory Academy**

**Board Member Application of Selena Cobb reviewed and discussed.** There was a unanimous vote to not move forward with Selena Cobb operating as a board member at this time. We will discuss a potential contract position for Selena Cobb at WPA.

**WPA Website:** Valerie Galloway presented the proposal submitted by LJ Designs. Discussed having two other bids presented to compare before moving forward with anyone. Ramona Ragin submitted the name and contact information for a potential candidate. Kevin Johnson will also submit the contact information for another potential candidate.

**School Update: Proctors for EOGs, June Summer Camp, Chromebooks** It is now back in place for proctors to be present. Kevin Johnson has completed and verified the corrections to the June Summer Camp. Kevin Johnson and Mary Risher presented the need for 15 Chromebooks. Ramona Ragin made the motion to move forward with purchasing 15 Chromebooks, second by Carlette Grissette, all in favor, so adapted.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, social distancing measures prohibited proctors from overseeing End-of-Grade (EOG) testing.

**Other Business-Title 1 Monitoring:** The State will be onsite at WPA next Thursday, April 24 -25 to meet with the parents, teachers, and administrators from 9am – 11am for Title 1 monitoring.

**Adjourned at 8:35pm**



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# WILMINGTON PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## DEAN'S REPORT

April 17, 2025

### ENROLLMENT

Current Student Enrollment	92
New Enrollment	0
Withdrawals	1

### WPA UPDATE

- Spring tutoring for grades three through eight were cancelled due flooding caused by a defective water heater on the second floor.
- Classes resume April 7, 2025.
- Interim Report cards went home on Wednesday April 16, 2025.
- All four students that applied for Early College got accepted.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- WPA will be closed on April 18 & 21, 2025 in observance of Easter.
- EOG practice (Mock Exams) for grades three through eight will be held throughout the week of April 28-30, 2025.
- The week of May 5-9, 2025 is designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Progress Reports will go home on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.