



Wilmington Preparatory Academy

Date: February 20, 2025,

Time: 6:30 pm

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

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Kevin Johnson

Mission Statement: Recited by Yolanda Rhodes

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Valerie Galloway to approve the agenda for February, second by Yolanda Rhodes, all in favor, so adapted

Approval of Minutes: Yolanda Rhodes made a motion to accept December 19, 2024, minutes with corrections and edits. The amendments included the 2025-2026 Open Enrollment information (WPA allowed students to enroll after the deadline due to low enrollment numbers) and typographical errors in the School Update section (the administration will present a proposal for the number and price of Chromebooks to be replaced at the next board meeting). second by Carlette Grissett, all in favor, so adapted. Motion was made to accept January 16, 2025, minutes as presented by Yolanda Rhodes, second by Carlette Grissett, all in favor, so adapted.

Finance Report: Submitted by Mary Rusher. Mary Rusher gave an overview of the financial report submitted. Statement made that WPA was in better financial standing than this time last year. The income statement includes both State and Federal funds. Mary Rusher explained the different format and went over the changes to the reporting system. Discussed Title I funds utilization. Will revisit in a few months.

Title I NC DPI Monitoring Visit. Kevin Johnson informed the board of the virtual pre-monitoring meetings.

Public Comments: (Maximum 3 minutes per speaker) James Galloway commented on the work that is being done to improve the effectiveness of the board and thanked them all for the delicious meal provided.



New Board Member Application: The Board Member application was submitted by Selena Cobb for review by the board.

School Update: Graduation has been scheduled for June 13, 2025. Kevin Johnson asked the board to submit 3 potential guest speakers for the ceremony and encouraged all board members to attend if possible. It will be held once again at the CFCC Union Station auditorium at 10:00am on June 13th. We will be submitting a special recognition award again this year and would like us to consider this to be done annually as well.

Other Business: None currently

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm



WILMINGTON PREPARATORY ACADEMY

DEAN'S REPORT

February 20, 2025

ENROLLMENT

Current Student Enrollment	93
New Enrollment	2
Withdrawals	4

WPA UPDATE

- The week of February 10, 2025 –February 14, 2025 was celebrated as International Week. This event culminates with an International Festival which was held on Friday February 14, 2025.
- Progress reports went home on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.
- Awards Assembly for all students was held on Friday, February 7, 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The week of February 17, 2025- February 21, 2025 will be celebrated as Black History Week.
- March 3, 2024 will be celebrated as Red Cross America Day.
- Open Enrollment will end on Friday, March 7, 2025.
- WPA lottery draw will take place on Friday, March 14, 2025 at 3:00pm.
- Spring Break: March 17, 2025- April 4, 2025. Tutoring for grades three through eight will be held during the week of March 17-21, 2025. These sessions are geared at improving our EOG scores.