



Wilmington Preparatory Academy

Date: May 15, 2025,

Time: 7:00 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,

Voting Board members in attendance virtually: Ramona Ragin, Carlette Grissett

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

Non-voting Board member not present:

Guest in attendance: James Galloway, Felecia McIntyre

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, Valerie Galloway.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Kevin Johnson

Mission Statement recited by Yolanda Rhodes

Approval of Agenda: Valerie Galloway moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ramona Ragin. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve April meeting minutes made by Valerie Galloway, second by Yolanda Rhodes, all in favor, so adapted.

Finance Report submitted by Mary Rusher. Federal Fiscal Year Income Statement reviewed and discussed.

2025-26 School Calendar resubmitted by Kevin Johnson. Motion made by Ramona Ragin to accept the 2025-26 School Calendar as submitted, seconded by Valerie Galloway, all in favor, so adapted.

Payroll Update submitted by Mary Rusher. Discussion of the ADP solution summary for WPA. Yolanda Rhodes and Ramona Ragin both gave high recommendations to move forward with ADP. After discussion, Yolanda Rhodes made the motion to contract with ADP pending personalization to fit the needs of WPA, seconded by Carlette Grissette, all in favor, so adapted.

Dean's Report: Presented by Kevin Johnson (see attached).

2025-28 Charter Agreement overview given by Valerie Galloway. Valerie Galloway has signed the 2025-28 Charter agreement, had it notarized and mailed back to DPI. We discussed how to secure a 5-year renewal for the Charter in 2027. It is essential to develop and execute a strategic plan to ensure that all goals are met or exceeded.



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Public Comments: (Maximum 3 minutes per speaker): None currently

School Update: Kevin Johnson shared that the staff and students gave him a delightful day of appreciation, and the teacher's appreciation week was equally enthusiastic and successful.

Other Business: Valerie Galloway along with the other members of the board acknowledged Ramona Ragin for her willingness to allow her business, Trucks Restaurant, to provide the school lunches that are always nutritious, hot, and delicious for a fraction of the cost. Discussed the need to move forward with applying for free/reduced lunch. Selena Cobb has begun to research and start the process of making this happen. Discussed Selena Cobb securing a contract to compensate her for work that would include student data, grant writing and other duties that Mary Rusher is now performing. Yolanda Rhodes will be working with Mary Rusher to begin training to transition the financial responsibilities. Mary Rusher will prepare a description of the duties for Selena Cobb and Yolanda Rhodes to facilitate Mary Rusher's transition to retirement.

Adjournment of the public board meeting ended at 8:04pm and closed session began to discuss the submission of Felecia McIntyre for a board position. After discussion, Valerie Galloway made the motion to approve Felecia McIntyre as a board member, pending the background and reference check, second by Ramona Ragin, all in favor, so adapted.



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DEAN'S REPORT

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ENROLLMENT

Current Student Enrollment	92
New Enrollment	0
Withdrawals	1

WPA UPDATE

- WPA Book Blast kicks off on Monday April 23, 2025.
- Practice EOGs were administered April 29- May 1, 2025.
- The week of May 5-9, 2025 was celebrated as National Teacher Appreciation Week. The Academy provided the teachers with special treats throughout the course of the week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On May 21, 2025 WPA will be providing training for all EOG Test Administrators.
- Proctors training will take place Thursday, May 22, 2024 at 5:30 pm.
- WPA's Middle School Dance will be held on Friday, May 17, 2025.
- WPA's EOG Prep Rally will be held on Friday, May 23, 2025.
- EOG exams for ALL students will be administered the week of June 2-6, 2025. All students that will be tested will be provided with a healthy breakfast each morning of testing.
- Graduation ceremony for Kindergarten, fifth, and eighth grade students will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025 at Cape Fear Community College-Union Station. This will also be the last day of school for students.