

**The College Preparatory & Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Meeting (called)
Virtual via Zoom Platform
April 8, 2025 @ 8pm**

Members Present: Marcus Brandon (chair), Dr. Tamara Turner (vice-chair), Dr. Benita Varnado, Dr. Michelle Meggs, Eugene Slocum, Dr. Linda McRae, Dr. Michelle Johnson (non-voting)

Members Absent: N/A

Others Present: Tacuma Johnson

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes

E. Slocum moved, Dr. Turner seconded to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2025 meeting. Approved.

School Calendar 2025-2026

Dr. McRae moved, Dr. Meggs seconded to approve the school calendar presented for next year. This calendar is based on a 4-day school week. Approved.

New Federal Certification of Compliance with Title VI Requirements

NCDPI is requiring all schools receiving the Consolidated Grant (Title I, Title II, Title IV) to sign the certification which has been sent out by the US Department of Education. The full name of the form is "Reminder of Legal Obligations Undertaken in Exchange for Receiving Federal Financial Assistance and Request for Certification under *Title VI and SFFA v. Harvard*".

Dr. Johnson shared legal guidance from the legal advisor to the NC Association of Public Charter Schools. The Board discussed issues relevant to the language of the form and its implications.

E. Slocum moved, Dr. McRae seconded that the school sign the certification letter. Approved.

Adjournment

Dr. Varnado moved, Meggs seconded to adjourn at 08:57 PM. Approved.