

**The College Preparatory & Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Virtual via Zoom Platform
March 15, 2025 @ 9:00am**

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

Members Absent: Dr. Benita Varnado, Dr. Linda McRae

Others Present: Tacuma Johnson

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes

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

Superintendent Report (Dr. M. Johnson)

- Reviewed where the school is in the cycle of the charter renewal. The school is on track to meet its goal of a 10-year charter renewal.
- Dr. Johnson discussed the uncertainty in the education sector with the changes in the federal government. She forecasts that there will be a funding crisis on the horizon which she termed a “Financial Pandemic”—the school should begin preparing now in case there are dramatic changes in funding. Board members discussed.
- Dr. Johnson shared that currently the school operate on 4½ days per week due to a ½ day on Fridays. Though a ½ on Friday, the school has 100% of transportation costs and 100% of school nutrition costs. Dr. Johnson proposes going to 4-days per week. Otherwise, the school will likely have to make significant cuts in athletics, the arts, STEM, and our social-emotional support team. Dr. Johnson believes that a longer school day 4-days per week could actually deliver better instruction than the current model.
 - The next step would involve a stakeholder survey and get feedback.
 - The Board discussed these ideas and agreed that Dr. Johnson should proceed with the stakeholder survey and give information to parents about the current state of education and the choices before the school. She will bring those findings back to the Board for further discussion.
- Dr. Johnson shared the proposed Summer School plan.

Dr. Turner moved, E. Slocum seconded to approve the Summer School plan. Approved.

Dr. Meggs moved, Dr. Turner seconded to approve Superintendent Report. Approved.

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Finance Officer Report

T. Johnson presented the Budget v Actual report with the following budget amendment proposals:

EXPENSES	FY2025 Budget Proposed Amendments	Previously Budgeted Amounts
Contract Services	1,100,000	610,000
Educ. Technology & Materials	150,000	250,000
Insurance	60,000	75,000
Leases - Copiers & Equipment	176,000	105,000
Postage	1,200	3,500
Prof. Development & Travel	45,000	105,000
Security Officers	9,000	25,000
Supplies	110,000	200,000
Utilities	120,000	150,000

E. Slocum moved, Dr. Turner seconded to approve the Finance Officer Report and the proposed budget amendments. Approved.

Fundraising

Dr. Turner shared that the Fundraising Committee has drafted a fundraising letter for each board member to use to reach the individual fundraising goal. Once we add the "Ways to Give" information she will forward it to the Superintendent for final edits.

Adjournment

Dr. Turner moved, E. Slocum seconded to adjourn at 10:34 AM. Approved.