



## **Purpose Built Schools Atlanta**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 17, 2026 - 11:30am – 1:30pm

**Board Members Present:** Greg Giornelli, Dr. Cynthia Kuhlman, Sean Brazier, Cheryl Lomax, Shannon Judd, Brittany Collins, Joshua Barber

**Staff Members Present:** Jonathan Tugman, Mike Davis, Barry Jones, Cara Frattasi, Nichole Stone, Blake Zimmerman

**Community Members Present:** N/A

### **A. Meeting Opening**

Board Chair Greg Giornelli called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2025 Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes Greg Giornelli and was second by Dr. Cynthia Kuhlman. The board unanimously approved the minutes.

### **B. Community Input**

No community members present

### **C. CEO Report - Mike Davis**

CEO Mike Davis provided updates regarding organizational priorities and strategic initiatives. Leadership shared information regarding the Atlanta Public Schools Facilities Master Plan, including discussion around a potential performing arts high school and the transition of Carver to a district-wide magnet program. Dr. Nikita Warfield will continue serving as a special advisor through January 2026.

#### **D. Strategic Plan Update - Blake Zimmerman - Director | Analytics & Strategic Initiatives**

Blake provided an update on the implementation of PBSA's year one strategic plan, highlighting the establishment of leadership and organizational rhythms to monitor progress and early advancements in academic systems, internal data tools, and caregiver engagement benchmarks.

#### **E. Academic Update - Blake Zimmerman - Director | Analytics & Strategic Initiatives**

Blake reviewed student achievement data and academic progress across the PBSA network. Slater Elementary demonstrated reading and math growth above the national average, and Price Middle School continues to show positive improvement. The committee emphasized continued focus on literacy growth, instructional quality, and student support strategies.

#### **F. Finance Update - Barry Jones - Controller**

Barry provided an overview of the organization's financial position and year-to-date performance. Leadership noted that while early months showed a deficit, projections indicate the organization expects to close the fiscal year in a positive position. The board reviewed financial trends and discussed ongoing stewardship of organizational resources.

#### **G. Committee Updates:**

- **Finance Committee – Dr. Kuhlman**

The committee reviewed the financial update presented by Barry Jones and noted no changes to the information shared.

- **Development Committee – Brittany Collins**

The committee discussed fundraising opportunities, including a potential partnership between PBSA and Focused Community Solutions. Members also began mapping foundation relationships to identify future funding opportunities and support leadership's ongoing partnership discussions.

- **Governance Committee – Sean Brazier**

The Governance Committee discussed potential expansion of the PBSA Board of Directors to strengthen expertise and representation. Members will continue identifying and vetting potential board candidates aligned with the organization's mission. Additional discussion included strategies to strengthen committee engagement and board leadership development.

## **H. Action Items**

### **Action: 1. Approval of FY26 Budget Amendment**

Following the finance update, the Board was presented with an action item to approve the FY26 Budget Amendment. A motion to approve the committee charters was made by Greg Giornelli and seconded by Dr. Kuhlman. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Action: 2. Approval of FY25 Audit Report**

Following the finance update, the Board was presented with an action item to approve the FY26 Audit Report. A motion to approve the committee charters was made by Greg Giornelli and seconded by Dr. Kuhlman. The motion passed unanimously.

## **H. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22pm.

Minutes taken by: Angikita Sims – Administrative Assistant