



Purpose Built Schools Atlanta

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 - 11:30am – 1:30pm

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

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

Appointee Board Members: Chris Gray, Matt Westmoreland, Adrian Epps

Community Members Present:

- I. Kenya - South Atlantic Civic League

A. Meeting Opening

Board Chair Greg Giornelli called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes from the March 18, 2026 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 member comments

C. CEO Report - Mike Davis

CEO Mike Davis highlighted the board's expansion to strengthen governance and support long-term goals, along with efforts to enhance the K-8 pipeline, academics, financial planning, and community engagement.

D. Academic Update – Siobhan Gardner | Chief Academic Officer - Blake Zimmerman - Director | Analytics & Strategic Initiatives

Siobhon highlighted a new student-centered goal-setting approach focused on accelerated individual growth. Priorities for the next three years include reducing chronic absenteeism through stronger attendance systems and improving instructional quality through consistent teacher coaching.

E. Finance Update - Barry Jones - Controller

Barry indicated a favorable year-end outlook, supported by improved APS funding and personnel savings. For FY27, the team addressed a significant funding gap through staffing adjustments, expense reductions, budget consolidation, and operational efficiencies while maintaining key student-support programs. The proposed budget also accounts for enrollment changes, increased compensation and benefit costs, and continued investments in attendance and academic priorities.

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 development committee discussed stronger coordination with Focused Community Strategies, flexible philanthropic grants, and future fundraising around a potential K–8 pathway involving Slater and Price.

- **Governance Committee – Sean Brazier**

The Governance Committee discussed the action items to be presented in the board meeting.

Action Items:

I. SY27 PBSA Budget for Approval

- a. The Board presented an action item to approve the FY27 Budget. A motion to approve the budget was made by Greg Giornelli and seconded by Shannon Judd. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Repayment of Northern Trust Loan

- a. The Board presented an action item to approve the repayment of the Northern Trust Loan. A motion to approve the repayment was made by Greg Giornelli and seconded by Shannon Judd. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Approve New Board Members

- a. The Board presented an action item to approve new board members: Chris Gray, Matt Westmoreland, and Adrian Epps. A motion to approve the new board members was made by Cynthia Kuhlman and seconded by Joshua Barber. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approve Board Officers for SY27

- a. The Board presented an action item to approve board officers for SY27. Greg Giornelli – Chair, Brittany Collins – Vice Chair, Sean Braizer – Secretary, Cynthia Kuhlman – Treasurer. A motion to approve the SY27 officers was made by Shannon Judd and seconded by Joshua Barber. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approve Performance & Evaluation Committee

- a. The Board presented an action item to approve the performance and evaluation committee. A motion to approve the new committee was made by Cynthia Kuhlman and seconded by Brittany Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approve Resolution for Cheryl Lomax

- a. Cheryl Lomax's term on the board has been completed. The Board presented an action item to approve a resolution thanking Cheryl Lomax for her service. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Greg Giornelli and seconded by Shannon Judd. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26pm.

Minutes taken by: Angikita Sims – Administrative Assistant