

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Monday, October 13th, 2025
5:30pm
Virtual/Zoom, Meeting ID: 856 6568 3740, Passcode: 222690

Present – Leila Villaverde, Carl Lashley, India Goodwin, Max Negin, Roy Carter, Joanna Lower, David Jarmon, Beth Meyer

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the agenda and the September minutes. Carl Lashley motioned to approve the agenda and September minutes, Max Negin seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report from Administrative Team

David Jarmon, Executive Director reported:

Attendance rates by grade levels range from 89% (2nd grade) to 98% (5th grade). There are currently 29 students with individualized education programs and 2 students that are in the eligibility determination process.

School Improvement Plan - David Jarmon reviewed the school improvement plan. There was discussion about enrollment goal of only 10% for next year. Leila Villaverde indicated that we would like to be around 200 students. There hope is to restore enrollment rather than purposefully growing.

Recruitment - David Jarmon shared that he asked families for ideas about recruitment. One parent has a digital media business and has offered to develop content. David Jarmon shared their business information and would follow up with a memorandum of understanding. Max Negin offered technical assistance should it be needed.

Charter Renewal - David Jarmon shared that we are in year two of the renewal process. We received notice that we will make our presentation to the renewal committee on Wednesday, November 12th. We have not been given the time of the presentation yet.

DL Support - We are fortunate to have recently hired a special education consultant to assist us with federal reporting as it relates to diverse learners as well as applying for grants that support this area.

8th Grade Parent Night - On Tuesday, October 7, we held an 8th grade parent night where our counselor, Ms. Egerton informed our parents of high school options for their 8th grade students. They were informed of the upcoming GCS Choice Showcase being held on October 22nd.

Bennett College Partnership - We recently finalized an MOU with Bennett College to have Bennett students on our campus to work with students and staff as they receive field experience in the field of education. The students will work periodically over the course of the school year as they meet guidelines for their educational program.

Operations Updates - The elevator has been down for about 3 weeks now. The elevator company that works on it is out of Gastonia. They have made 3 visits since the malfunction of the elevator. The last visit was Friday, October 10th. I have not received an update of the visit as of yet.

Homeless Population - David Jarmon reported that each morning when he arrives, he has to wake several of our community visitors up who have made our school their place of rest for the evening. Some exchanges have escalated. There was also discussion in the increase of trash left behind by those marginally housed. Leila Villaverde indicated that she would reach out to the Greensboro Police for greater support.

Beth Meyer, Director of Curriculum and Instruction reported:

Professional Development Opportunities Completed:

- Mrs. Diamant and Ms. Blythe assisted in providing training for our K-4 team on the new handwriting curriculum, *Handwriting/Cursive Without Tears*. This was a great opportunity for teachers to learn more about handwriting, the importance of a multisensory approach and how to best present the lessons to students. We are eager to see how this helps our students in this area!
- Ms. Egerton recently completed training as it pertains to her role as our homeless liaison at TESH. This school year, the North Carolina Homeless Education Program (NCHPEP) &

the North Carolina Foster Care Education Program (NCFCEP) are partnering to host the New Homeless Liaison & Foster Care POC Training for North Carolina's charter and lab schools. Homeless liaisons and/or foster care POCs with two years or less experience attended this required training.

- Vector Training Update
 - Ms. Long, Ms. Jazmine, Ms. Egerton and Ms. Coley all submitted documentation that the CIPA training is complete although not reflected in the spreadsheet.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

- Mr. Jarmon is attending the Truist Leadership Institute this week, Tuesday through Friday. We are also excited to see how this shapes his leadership practice.
- Ms. Long and Dr. Meyer will be attending the Rebecca Carver Institute on Experiential Learning this coming Saturday. This will be Dr. Meyer's second year and Ms. Long's first year attending. They look forward to hearing what is happening in other spaces as well as networking with others.

Data Talks

- The past few weeks we have been working on a deep dive into our beginning of year data. Each House met to discuss how students are progressing and to identify ways to reteach and enrich as needed.
- As a whole in PLCs, we identified that K-4 needs support with foundational literacy skills.
- Dr. Meyer took the K-4 BOY DIBELS data to the SIT meeting last week and we used this time to brainstorm ways that we can support students (and teachers). What was increasingly helpful at this time were discussions around how to support families as well in providing intervention at home. From these discussions we have:
 - Created resource packets that are updated weekly for families to practice targeted skills students need additional support with.
 - Provided additional time for small group literacy stations throughout the instructional day.
 - Collaborated on pockets of time in one another's schedule that we can also support in the lower grades.

Beginning Teacher Program

- On September 30th Dr. Meyer had the opportunity to attend the BTSP Peer Review and Collaborative meeting through NCDPI. During this time she was able to learn more about the peer review process and meet with my Critical Friend, Ashley Tate, from the Arts Based School in Winston Salem. For the last few years they have worked closely together

to assess our BT programs and provide feedback. She has been an amazing partner through this process!

- By 10/31/25, Dr. Meyer will be submitting our self-assessment, evaluating our program, and determining our focus area for the 25-26 school year. At our next meeting I will share the document for your review and provide an overview of next steps for our focus area.
- Laura Papsun reached out asking if I would serve as a mentor for someone new in this role. I will be working with Dr. Jarrod Looney at Liberty Charter Academy, providing support as he begins structuring his BT program.

Operations

- Dr. Meyer reported on the clock—in/clock-out system. Follow up email with reminders and Mr. Jarmon discussed the importance of being present from 7:45-4:00 pm. From October 8th forward, they will be adhering to the policy regarding staff attendance. They wanted to ensure that everyone understood expectations.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no standing committee reports.

Old Business

1. Acceptable Use of technology policy revision

Dr. Villaverde indicated that this had been tabled. Dr. Lashley addressed revisions based on feedback the board provided. There was discussion about texts and electronic mail and it was clarified that TESS accounts are required – tesson email or google classroom. It was determined that a school technology and media advisory committee was not needed; that the responsibility would be held by the Administrative Team. It was decided that students may bring devices such as phones to school but they are not to be used during the school day. Joanna Lower clarified that phone-time could not be used as a reward during the instructional day or at lunch or recess. Without further discussion, Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the use of technology revised policy, India Godwin seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. Title I policy approval

Leila Villaverde indicated that for TESS's Title 1 approve we had to agree that a student who wishes to pray during the school day is allowed. That statute where this is referenced is: [North Carolina General Statutes § 115C-407.30 \(2024\) - Student rights to engage in prayer and religious activity. :: 2024 North Carolina General Statutes :: U.S. Codes and Statutes :: U.S. Law :: Justia](#) As a school seeking a Title 1 grant, we must provide general assurance for provision of the statute.

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the provision, Carl Lashley motioned accordingly, Max Negin seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

3. 360 recommendations

Leila Villaverde reviewed the recommendations that were informed by the 2025 360 evaluation results followed by discussion.

Announcements

Beth Meyer thanked Dr. Villaverde and Roy Carter for making arrangements for a field trip to A&T for art students. She also thanked Dr. Villaverde and Dr. Lower for helping her with a special project, yet to be revealed.

Max Negin indicated that digital media was within his wheelhouse and offered his support with the recruitment efforts in this area.

Adjourn

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to adjourn, Roy Carter motioned, Carl Lashley seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Leila Villaverde adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.