

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Tuesday, May 12th, 2026
5:30pm
Virtual/Zoom (Meeting ID: 856 6568 3740, Passcode: 222690)

Present: Leila Villaverde, Carl Lashley, India Goodwin, Joanna Lower, Fred Adams, Roy Carter, David Jarmon, Beth Meyer

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the agenda. Carl Lashley moved to approve the agenda, India Goodwin seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the April board meeting will be available for approval at next month's meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report from Administrative Team

David Jarmon, Executive Director

Families have been encouraged to have children at school each day and on time. Currently, we have 111 students enrolled with 93% attendance rate, and 24% of students have an IEP.

An official Request for Proposal (RFP) was submitted and reviewed for school lunch catering services for the upcoming school year. Proposals were received from the two vendors. After careful evaluation of all submitted proposals, including consideration of pricing, menu options, service capabilities, and overall ability to meet the needs of our students, Trice's Eat'z was selected as the winning bidder. Trice's Eat'z will provide lunch services for our students during the upcoming school year.

SAFETY GRANT: TESC is utilizing School Safety Grant funds to enhance campus security through the purchase and installation of new exterior surveillance cameras around the outside perimeter of the school building.

These upgraded cameras will strengthen our ability to monitor school grounds, improve visibility of entry and exit points, and provide increased safety for students, staff, families, and visitors.

The new system will support proactive security measures, assist with emergency response, and help maintain a secure learning environment.

The investment in updated perimeter surveillance aligns with our ongoing commitment to school safety and the protection of all members of our school community.

We have submitted an amendment to the Safety Grant to request payment for HVAC repairs and elevator expenses as a means of student safety. We got a YES on elevator expenses. They are getting back to us regarding HVAC repairs, and the board will be updated accordingly.

EOG LETTER TO FAMILIES: End-of-Grade (EOG) testing notification letters were distributed to families regarding the upcoming testing window, May 22, 2026, through June 1, 2026. Families were encouraged to review the schedule carefully and ensure students arrive at school on time, well-rested, and ready to participate in testing each day.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Student progress reports were sent home with students on Thursday May 7, 2026. Families were encouraged to review the reports carefully to monitor academic progress, attendance, and overall student performance.

READING AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIALS: Currently, we have 3 teachers participating in after school reading tutorials. Tutoring takes place on Mondays through Thursdays with each teacher devoting at least 2 days for tutoring each week.

VERTEX PARTNERSHIP: Beth Meyer and David Jarmon continue to meet with our marketing partners with Vertex to brainstorm ideas for marketing our school. To date, they have created social media blasts on Facebook and Instagram where “Teacher Features” are being displayed to showcase the wonderful talent we have here working in our classrooms. Our next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at noon.

Leila Villaverde asked David Jarmon if filtration and temperature control were presented in accordance with school safety. David Jarmon is following up. Leila Villaverde asked about the location of the parameter cameras. David Jarmon indicated that a camera was being added to the back entrance door and recognized that a camera on the family services side would be a good consideration.

Joanna Lower asked about end of year activities, showcases, and celebrations. Beth Meyer responded that Jammin’ with Jarmon was scheduled and Kona Ice would be at this event. Moving Up activities were being planned and discussion about showcasing arts for families was discussed such as a walk-up art show in the morning or a lunch-time art show.

Beth Meyer, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
PLC Updates

- During our weekly PLC meetings, teachers have engaged in meaningful reflection on the 2025–2026 school year. Each teacher completed a reflection focused on four key areas: Instruction & Student Engagement, Student Growth & Outcomes, Goals for Next Year, and Challenges & Problem Solving. Within each area, teachers responded to guiding questions designed to encourage thoughtful analysis of instructional practices, student progress, successes, and areas for continued growth.
- As we continue these reflections together, condensed feedback will be shared at the next board meeting so the data/information can be used for future planning.
- During PLCs, K–4 teachers have been working to develop a math curriculum pacing guide for the 2026–2027 school year. These guides are being shared with other staff members to ensure alignment across grade levels, promote consistency in instruction, and support collaboration as teachers work to meet the needs of all learners. We are finalizing these this week so that all grade levels will be complete.

UNCG Partnership

- Dr. Sulaimon shared a proposal for working with TESS next year. Based on review of the proposal, questions were noted and Beth Meyer will be reaching out to Dr. Sulaimon for greater clarity.

NC Reads Book Club

- We just completed our 4th book club in the NC Reads series. During the month of April, we read *The Devil's Done Come Back* by Ed Southern.
- Our May book selection is *The Caretaker* by Ron Rash. We are continuing to recruit participants, though participation in the May selection is traditionally lower due to end-of-year commitments and schedules.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no standing committee reports.

Leila Villaverde reported on the budget and indicated the finance committee would be meeting soon to discuss next year's budget.

The budget deficit has been reduced to \$183,000, a significant improvement from the beginning of the year. However, we are projecting a \$626,000 deficit next year because funding is based on this year's enrollment of 113 students. Our EC population has also decreased from 47 to 27 identified students, which further impacts funding.

Ideally, enrollment would reach 200 students. While that may not be realistic, any enrollment above 113 would generate additional funding and help improve our financial outlook. We lost 78 students in ADM, which is the primary reason for our current challenges.

As a result, we are losing one staff position and may lose a second. We are exploring the use of Title I funds to support two positions and help offset staffing reductions next year.

Overall, the budget is very tight. We have significantly reduced expenses and are operating with a bare-bones budget. A new food service provider has lowered meal costs, which will help, and we will continue pursuing grant opportunities to provide additional financial support.

The board will need to approve next year's budget next month. We will need to use savings to cover this year's shortfall, but our goal is to avoid drawing from reserves by the end of next year.

One positive development is that we will complete repayment of our landlord loan next year. However, we will also begin paying the full rental rate, including increases that have previously been deferred. The school is already responsible for many building-related expenses, and costs continue to rise. For example, our recent reconciliation bill showed a \$10,000 increase in insurance costs due to expenses related to the parking lot, landscaping, and other property maintenance obligations. This doesn't seem sustainable given enrollment.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements

- David Jarmon congratulated Ms. Gary and Ms. Long for earning their master's degrees with graduation this Saturday.
- TESH yearbooks have arrived.

Adjourn

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to adjourn. Roy Carter motioned to adjourn, Fred Adams seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Leila Villaverde adjourned the meeting at 6:13 pm.