



**The Franklin School of Innovation  
Board Meeting Agenda - 12/9/2025 6:00pm  
In Person - 21 Innovation Drive, Spanish Room on second floor  
Indoor masks optional**

**Our Mission:**

The Franklin School of Innovation is preparing the next generation of leaders, capable of solving problems and participating effectively and ethically as local and global citizens. Through challenging academics, real-world learning, and community engagement, our students discover their potential, develop persistence, and recognize the value of others. Our graduates are ready for the future they will create.

**Board Responsibilities:**

We ensure The Franklin School of Innovation's compliance to its contract with the NC Department of Public Instruction, set and monitor the implementation of school policies, manage the school's annual budget and financial planning, and hire and evaluate the performance of our school's Executive Director.

The Board develops and drives the School's strategic plan and provides appropriate governance.

**Agenda Item**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting shall be brought to order by the Board Chair, Al Glicksberg, at 6:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** The Board Chair took roll of members present: Jon Blalock, Al Glicksberg, Kelly Roarke, Rebecca Hecht, Sonya Strange, CheriTorres, Abbie Scott, Melanie Stowell

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by Ashley Second by Cheri  
Vote:**unanimous in favor**

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES** Shall the Board approve the minutes of the **November 4, 2025 Board Meeting**  
Motion by Kelly, Second by Ashley, Vote: **unanimous in favor**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** This agenda item is included for the purpose of giving anyone in attendance the opportunity to comment on a non-agenda or agenda item with the Board. There will be a three-minute time limit per person. The audience is not to applaud nor demonstrate disapproval for the comments made. The Board may respond asking for clarification only.

## Agenda Item

### ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

- Summary of Activities
  - Enrollment & hiring
    - Enrollment is slightly down but not out of ordinary; still funded for 748 students
    - Slight increase in chronic absences (10% or higher absenteeism)
  - Activities
    - Received 11k staff wellness grant
    - Holiday concert Friday, Dec 12
    - Middle School Student Council Kindness Week January 12-16
- Credentialing application
- ATSI List (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement)
  - Based on EOG/EOC scores - only for subgroup "students with disabilities"
  - \$8000 allotment but comes with level of bureaucratic oversight
  - We will have to run SIT (School Improvement Team) meetings each month, scheduled prior to board meetings (5:15-5:45)
  - We will be on the list for 3 years
- Application for Remote Academy
  - Innovation Career Remote Academy
    - Instruction provided through Edmentum
    - Application is due Jan 16
    - Budget impact would be negligible, probably "break-even"
    - **Cheri moved that we approve the application for the Remote academy, Abbie second, unanimous in favor.**
- Holiday gifts & party
  - Wed Dec 17
- Quotes for theater space

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Finances report
  - Treasurer delivered report and narrative
- 2025-26 Budget Update

### BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Discussion of on-going organization of Committees for 2025-26 school year, updates, meetings, goal-setting
  - Finance
  - Governance
- **AI made a motion to accept Sue Rhody's application to FSI board, Abby second, all in favor.**
- Development
- Facilities
  - In January, Melanie will plan a meeting for a facilities committee with Sonya.
- Fundraising
- Discussion-What committees are needed at this time
- Update-Communication with boards at other EL schools

**CLOSED SESSION – Personnel**

**ADJOURNMENT** 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.? Motion by Al, Second by Kelly Vote: unanimous vote to approve