



**The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Agenda - 1/13/2026 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 assistance, 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: Al Glicksberg, Beth Russo, Sonya Strange, Ashley Fisher-Tranese, Rebecca Hecht, Melanie Stowell, Sue Rhody, Abbie Scott, Anthony Lynch

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by Ashley Second by Beth Vote: unanimous to approve agenda

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the **December 9 2025 Board Meeting** Motion by Rebecca Second by Melanie Vote: unanimous to approve

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

Still pursuing EL credential, visit schedule for March 17-18

- Enrollment & hiring

- Open enrollment started Jan 1, runs through Mar 31
- Currently receiving applications at a rate commensurate with previous years
- HS EC Position filled

- Activities

- Number of students with 10% or higher absenteeism is stable
- Number of referrals is stable, remains highest in the class of '27-'28 cohort

- Application for Remote Academy has been submitted; tentative plan for Feb. 9 presentation to state board

There are ongoing public health concerns in Buncombe County: Measles, Chicken Pox, Whooping Cough. There are no known cases at FSI; there is a state-mandated protocol in case of an outbreak (defined by the state)

FSI is on the College Board Gold Honor Roll for extraordinary AP results

Melanie Stowell made a motion to approve a hire for an OCS EC teacher, AI second, unanimous in favor

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Finances report

- Reporting is 2 months behind because of delays by Charter Success
- Kelly submitted report with details by email
- As of November 30th, total cash in the bank was \$3.5 million.

Year-to-date, through November, we are back in the positive for the month, but still at a deficit year-to-date. Again, this is a cash accrual system, so fluctuation is expected.

- If you add the final payment for the field paid this year, which is a capital expense and does not count against our operations budget, we now have enough to meet the bond requirements. No further construction funds are being used for the rent payment; we are back to using the budgeted funds.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Discussion of on-going organization of Committees for 2025-26 school year, updates, meetings, goal-setting for Board members for the following:
 - Development
 - Student Recruiting
 - Facilities- Theater space
 - Fundraising
- Contacting Donors
 - Discussion-What committees are needed at this time
 - Update-Communication with boards at other EL schools

Board support requested for outreach and fundraising

- Any board members willing to table at events or do other outreach events should sign up or email Micah Usher
- Board requested to thank donors with calls: any donors that have given \$250 or more should get a call; discussion about a script for leaving messages and talking points
 - Abbie, Beth, Al, Melanie, Rebecca, Jon
 - Abbie will write script
- Calling Businesses: make contact and refer to Micah Usher
 - Abbie, Beth, Anthony

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

Motion to go into closed session at 7:10, motion by Al, second by Melanie, unanimous in favor

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Motion to come out of closed session at 7:20 by Al, second by Rebecca, unanimous in favor

ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.? Motion by Al, Second by Jon, Vote: unanimous in favor