



The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Agenda - 3/10/2026 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, developer 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
<p>CALL TO ORDER The meeting shall be brought to order by the Board Chair, Al Glicksberg at 6:05 p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL The Board Chair took roll of members present: Ashley Fisher-Tranese, Sonya Strange, Kimberly Roark, Al Glicksberg, Melanie Stowell, Cheri Torres, Abbie Scott, Beth Russo, Anthony Lynch</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by Al Second by Ashley, Vote: unanimous to approve agenda</p> <p>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026 Board Meeting Motion by Ashley Second by Melanie Vote: unanimous to approve</p> <p>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.</p>

Agenda Item

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

- Summary of Activities
 - Applications up from last year; need a strong push for 5th grade
 - Taking Applications for Remote Academy
- Enrollment & hiring
 - Steady
- Activities
- College and Career Counselor (hired part-time interim), needed for next year
- Need EC Director, 2 EC teachers, and a Math teacher
- EL Site visit in March
 - March 17,18
- Calendar approval for 2026-2027
 - Asheville and Buncombe Spring break does not align in 2027, which means some teachers will have kids out of school when FSI is on Spring Break
 - **Ashley motioned to approve the proposed calendar for 2026-2027; Kelly seconded, unanimous in favor**
- School Improvement Team - will meet monthly, beginning with April, from 5 - 5:45 on Tuesdays before the Board meeting.
- Time to contact state representatives - there is no capacity for any additional staff or programs without a state budge
- Board Action:
 - Senior Last Word March 25, 4-7 (dinner provided)
 - Recruitment
 - Fundraising
 - Parent Focus Group for EL Site Visit
 - Wed March 18, 8:30

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Finances report
 - Kelly has been meeting with people from Charter Success (our debt servicer)
 - Reporting has caught up to most recent month
- 2025-26 Budget Update

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Board working groups: We really need to continue a focus on Board working groups and action between meetings
- Discussion: NCOCS Guidance for Charter School Boards
- 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

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:37p.m.? Motion by Al, Second by Beth, unanimous to approve.