The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Agenda - 4/14/2026 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
CALL TO ORDER The meeting shall be brought to order by the Board Chair, Al Glicksberg at 6:06 p.m. **ROLL CALL** The Board Chair took roll of members present: Ashley Fisher-Tranese, Sonya Strange, Kelly Roark, Al Glicksberg, Melanie Stowell, Cheri Torres, Abbie Scott, Rebecca Hecht.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by Kelly. Second by Melanie. Vote: unanimous to approve agenda. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES** Shall the Board approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026? Motion by Melanie. Second by Kelly. 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 ○ Acknowledgement of passing of FSI student and resources coming to support. ○ EL Credential Letter received and feedback presentation shared, including endorsements—credentialed in all three areas, five year credential active. Only Credentialed EL school in WNC. Invited to participate now in credentialed events, hold site seminars, and national conference in October. ○ Lottery was announced today, re-enrollment is at 94% overall. Virtual academy enrollment is low but is adaptive re: staff needs. Continued recruitment is needed. State Critical Needs Budget still needs approval (supports Medicaid and raises for teachers)—no capacity for additional staff or programs without increased state funding. New website underway and floor covering purchase (previously approved by Board) to arrive before 8th grade graduation. Can be used in community room and gym. Reminder of the Spring Fair—live acts, vendors, auction, raffle, and sporting competition. Board encouraged to keep supporting recruitment and thank you to donors. Attendance reviews. ● Conflict of Interest Policy & Grievance Policy review. Motion for approval for both policies by Melanie, second by Cheri. Vote: unanimous to approve. Related to these new policy passings and notification needs, Board member Ashley disclosed to the Board that her spouse is in talks to support school as temporary admin help and will recuse herself from any discussions as appropriate. ● School Improvement Team (SIT) meeting held previous to board session.
TREASURER'S REPORT ● Finances report ○ ~4M in the bank, Kelly to approach the bank for additional interest rate opportunities, covenant needs met. See provided tracking sheets. 56k in interest expected. Lean budget for next year to accommodate accreditation needs. ● 2025-26 Budget Update

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Discussion: NCOCS Guidance for Charter School Boards. Feedback on next steps and discussion around resetting committee structure and goal (Governance, Finance, Support & Evaluation, Academic Excellence—covered by SIP). The first need is planning of our committees for the new year—and that will be handled by Governance. Noting bring in non-Board members to help with committee work.
- Cheri to serve as lead for School Improvement Team committee for the Board, Executive Committee chair is Al. Development/Fundraising lead will be Abbie around bigger picture of fundraising and Board's role. Jon leading Governance team. Ashley as lead as Parent Crew Liaison. "Cycle of evaluation" idea, Michelle to explore and come back to team with some possible action steps.
- Motion from Cherri to accept Ashley's spouse as temp hire at FSI after her disclosure. Abbie second. Ashley abstained from vote, carried as approved.

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m? Motion by Al, Second by Melanie, unanimous to approve.