

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BBR SCHOOLS, INC.

December 16, 2025

Location
7550 McCall Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Board members present: Craig Barrett (virtual), Monique Scott-Spauling, Donnie Miller, Damien Watt, Leea Russell and Mehdi Farasat.

Board members absent: Eboni Buchanan

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.
2. The agenda was adopted as presented.
3. DeAnna Rowe presented the Executive Director's report, providing an overview of several key strategic and operational matters. She highlighted a new grant funding opportunity through the Louisiana Department of Education's Office of School Choice that could provide meaningful per-pupil support to both BBR schools for expanded academic interventions, professional development, staffing support, and college and career readiness initiatives. DeAnna reminded board members of the annual ethics training requirement and outlined upcoming resolutions for board consideration, including a proposed CTE waiver consistent with the schools' college-preparatory mission.

DeAnna provided an introduction to the resolution related to the development and submission of a potential Type 2 charter appeal. DeAnna reviewed the background and current status of charter contract renewal terms with EBR, noting progress made following last year's renewal but emphasizing ongoing challenges related to special education reporting, data system access during the transition from JCampus to PowerSchool, and newly imposed transportation expectations. She explained that these issues have created compliance, funding, and operational risks beyond the schools' control and described them as suspensive conditions under charter law. Additionally, DeAnna addressed concerns regarding recent authorizer actions and public statements that have contributed to reputational harm and strained the authorizing relationship. She concluded by outlining next steps, including preparation for a potential transition to BESE authorization for Fall 2026 and the development of supporting documentation for a Type 2 charter petition, should the Board determine it necessary.

4. The Board adopted the following Consent Agenda items as presented:

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- a. Minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting of the BBR Schools, Inc. Board of Directors.
 - b. Resolution BBR26-R07 approving the development and submission of an Appeal Petition for Type 2 Charter Status.
 - c. Resolution BBR26-R08 approving the submission of the annual CTE Waiver.
5. The BASIS Ed team presented the Q2 Management Report. Julie Kearney provided an enrollment update, reporting strong enrollment across both Baton Rouge campuses. Mid City is operating at 109.5% of budgeted enrollment, reflecting continued year-over-year growth, while Materra has experienced increased demand in upper grades. Liz Greenberg shared updates on student acquisition and public relations efforts, noting meaningful increases in applications driven by targeted, campus-specific marketing campaigns and expanded outreach efforts leading up to open enrollment.

General operational updates included enhancements to school safety and security initiatives across both campuses presented by Bob Erspamer. Kristen Jordison, along with campus leadership, reviewed parent pulse survey results, which reflected high overall satisfaction and improved communication practices, as well as responsiveness to operational adjustments such as scheduling and traffic flow. Academic performance and school priorities were reviewed, highlighting continued gains in school letter grades, progress among student subgroups, and positive recognition at the local and state levels. David King presented proposed curriculum updates for future school years, including increased instructional time, revised assessment practices, expanded science sequencing, and adoption of new instructional resources.

Kristen Ramos provided an update on exceptional student services, reporting no new or open complaints, successful onboarding of required service providers, and ongoing implementation of a revised special education service model following recent contract changes, with continued attention to system access and compliance. Legal and compliance updates confirmed timely responses to complaints, a favorable due process ruling for Mid City, and ongoing collaboration with EBR to meet reporting and submission requirements. Fundraising results were also shared, noting year-over-year growth at Materra, strong performance during the Fall Week of Giving, and adjusted strategies underway at Mid City to strengthen future fundraising outcomes.

6. The board adopted Resolution BBR26-R09 approving proposed modifications to instructional programs.
7. Financial Report – Damon Norris provided the Q1 financial report and FY25 Annual Audit for each school.
8. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM

Donnie Miller, Secretary of the Board
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