

Meeting Minutes

Subject	Belton Preparatory Academy Board of Directors	Date	Monday, March 9, 2026
Facilitator	Rachel Sibilio	Time	6:00 p.m.
Location	BPA science lab	Scribe	Amy Payne
Attendees	Rachel Sibilio, Amy Payne, Erika Vasquez, Joe Hansen, Leca Morehead, Roderick Houston		
Public Attendees	John Li, Deidre McCullough, Patti Barrett, Amanda Denbroeder, Shelly Carpenter, Ann Marie Powell, April Fowler, Katie Morgan, Kristina Matasavage, Kelly Clardy, Sarah Fary, Robert Bratcher, Samantha Holbrooks, Donna Bratcher		

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.
2.	Invocation	Invocation led by Deidre McCullough.
3.	Pledge of Allegiance	All members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4.	Freedom of Information Act Compliance	In compliance with FOIA, the agenda was posted on Friday, March 6th, to the website, Facebook and at the school.
5.	Public Comment	None
6.	Approval of Agenda (Action)	Motion to approve agenda by Erika Vasquez. 2 nd by Joe Hansen. All in favor. Motion carries.
7.	Approval of February 9, 2026 board meeting minutes (Action)	Motion to approve February board minutes by Joe Hansen. 2 nd by Erika Vasquez. All in favor. Motion carries.

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8.	Recognition	<p>Board member introductions Introduction by John Li to staff. Staff introductions (of those present).</p> <p>Recognition: Elementary school teacher of the year: Shelly Carpenter Middle school teacher of the year: Donna Bratcher Elementary support staff of the year: Melinda Richey Middle school support staff of the year: Samantha Holbrooks</p> <p>8 academic awards received from the charter institute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elementary school awards - Middle school awards <p>John Li:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Palmetto Gold (middle) and Silver Award (elementary) - Culture of Excellence Award (middle school) - Spoke of BPA's SC Ready Scores - \$25,000 in academic award performance bonuses - Donation to Deidre on behalf of Charter Institute
9.	Review of Financials (Joe Hansen)	<p>Statement of activity and statement of financial position reviewed as of February 28, 2026. Balances and assets reviewed.</p>

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No.	Topic	Highlights
		No concerns/comments.

<p>10.</p>	<p>Principal's Reports and Updates to Board (Patti/Ashley)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrollment Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current enrollment - Open enrollment - Lottery update ● Purchase of 2-way radios (action) ● S.C. Ready Power Hour (action) 	<p>Current enrollment is 487 students.</p> <p>135th day count will be on Thursday, March 12th.</p> <p>Reviewed seats available, projected returning students, and new students enrolled for each grade.</p> <p>Projected enrollment as of 3/9/26 is 560 students.</p> <p>Continue with Facebook ads and community yard signs. Weekly tours available and advertised on social media.</p> <p>Deidre would like to place billboard advertisements around the community.</p> <p>May need 2-3 more staff members for the 560 students projected.</p> <p>2-way radios: \$20,000-25,000 projected total cost (includes radios for every room) Deidre to get 3 quotes for the purchase of 2-way radios.</p> <p>S.C. Ready Power Hour: - 5 Week Camp (March 16 – April 23) from 3-4pm; Monday - Thursday - Targets 3rd – 6th grade - Invitations will begin with students scoring in the lowest 20% in math and ELA - 10 teachers needed at \$50/hr. - Cost for total program not to exceed \$13,000</p> <p>Motion to allow Deidre to go into contract negotiations for the purchase of 2-way radios by Erika Vasquez. 2nd by Amy Payne. All in favor. Motion carries.</p>
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		Motion to approve funding for SC power hour as stated by Rachel Sibilio. 2 nd by Erika Vasquez. All in favor. Motion carries.
		Motion to move into Executive Session by Rachel Sibilio. 2 nd by Amy Payne. All in favor; Motion carries.
11.	Executive Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal advice: Bond • New hire approval (action) 	
		Motion to move out of Executive Session at 7:43pm by Rachel Sibilio. 2 nd by Joe Hansen. All in favor. Motion carries.
12.	Possible action item(s) from the Executive Session	Motion to approve new hire by Erika Vasquez. 2 nd by Joe Hansen. All in favor. Motion carries.
13.	Miscellaneous/Other from the Board	
	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th, 2026, in the BPA science lab at 6 p.m.
		Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm by Rachel Sibilio. 2 nd by Amy Payne. All in favor; Motion carries.

Action Plan			
No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
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Board Member Signatures		
No.	Name	Signature
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