

Quality Education Academy (QEA)
Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026
5151 Lansing Drive & Zoom

Members Present:

Chairman Dr. Jefferson Caruthers
CEO Dr. Tamara Turner (ex officio)
Adolphus Coplin
John Foxworth
James Gadson
Ronald Jessup
Dr. RaShaunda Richardson
Twana Roebuck
Walter Weathers

Absent Members:

Staff (S) / Parents (P) / Visitors (V)

B. Roberts (S) A. Marshall (S) Evans (S) McCain (S) Suarez (S) Aliano (S) Rhyne (S) Flowers
C. Russell (S) D. Gibson (S)

Welcome

The QEA Board Meeting was called to order at 6:09p.m. No conflicts of interest were noted. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Roebuck made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Coplin seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Review and approval of Board Meeting Minutes from August 1, 2026

The Chairman called for a motion to receive the minutes into public record and the ratification of the three new faculty members. Mr. Jessup motioned to receive the minutes into public record and to ratify the new faculty list, Mr. Coplin seconded. The motion carried.

From the Chair

The Chairman expressed appreciation to CEO Dr. Turner and staff for all their hard work this school year.

Enrollment

- Current enrollment is 825 scholars. See the attached summary report.
- We have pulled from the waitlist in the 1st 6 weeks to maintain the enrollment number.

Academics

- QEA Met Growth (all subgroups met growth expectations except the Hispanic Subgroup)

Solutions to academic dip: discussion was around

- Implementation of the Mastery Connect assessment application.
- Implementation of Accelerated Reader and Freckle (math program) to grow advanced scholars.
- Increased observation, feedback, and coaching in Teach Like a Champion.
- Obtaining TLAC Math training for all math teachers.
- Increased consistency in the schoolwide discipline model.
- Increased instructional delivery model training (more Friday training for the whole staff).

Operations

- Diamond Heating and Cooling also has agreed to provide financing options for the school.
- Installed additional exterior lighting to improve safety and visibility.
- Need to meet Platform demands for testing.
- Need to purchase more google licenses.
- In need of additional means of transportation for our fleet preferably a 64-72 passenger bus.
- Discussion on how to cut costs on installation and labor fees.

Athletics

- Middle and high school volleyball and soccer are underway.
- Women's basketball (will use current staff for coaching).
- Golf program expansion (grant funding 2nd year in row).

Staffing

- Ratification: Shaadia Moore (4th grade), DaZah Brooks (1st grade), Benjamin Bennett (8th math) and AuZhane Ellis (1st grade).
- Reduction of TA's and Deans to protect budget.

Financial

- The Board discussed the financial report.
- QEA continues to experience delays in district funding.
- Discussion was held around how to plan and project the July-September budget because new enrollment is typically not accounted for before October.

Governance/Policies/Compliance

- Cross-Program Consolidated Monitoring Review will be conducted this spring.
- Bylaws were approved by CSRB.
- Discussion was held around the Renewal process and timeline.

The Chairman called for a motion to add Mr. Foxworth, Finance chairperson access to PNC Bank and Allegacy Credit Union accounts. Mr. Weathers made a motion and Mr. Jessup seconded the motion.

The Chairman called for a motion to receive the CEO's report and the financial report. Mr. Coplin made a motion to receive the CEO's report and the financial report. Mr. Gadson seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Coplin made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Foxworth seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Announcement

Next Board meeting October 13, 2026

Minutes recorded by C. Warren

OEA Board Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026

Tuesday, October 13th, 2026

Tuesday, November 10th, 2026

Tuesday, January 12th, 2027

Tuesday, February 9th, 2027

Tuesday, March 9th, 2027

Tuesday, April 13th, 2027

Tuesday, May 11th, 2027