

**Quality Education Academy (QEA)**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 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)**

M. Ross (S) B. Roberts (S) A. Marshall (S) Evans (S) McCain (S) Suarez (S)  
Aliano (S) Rhyne (S) Flowers (S) Staton (V) Taylor (V) Graham (P)

**Welcome**

The QEA Board Meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. No conflicts of interest were noted. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Coplin made a motion to approve the agenda with the added closed session to discuss a legal matter and Mr. Gadson seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Review and approval of Board Meeting Minutes from March 31, 2026**

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

## CEO's Report

### Enrollment

- Based on submitted intent-to-return forms, new applicants, and completed enrollments, the academy is projected at 689 enrolled scholars by the end of May, leaving approximately 165 seats available

### Academics

- Check-in 3 - 47% (compared to 50% '24-'25 )
- Achieved 4% increase in 3 weeks
- 2 weeks remaining-need at least 3% increase to be on trajectory for “met growth”
- Still great need in 7th and 8th math
- Targeted support needed for EC scholars (growth in ELA)

### Operations

- Facilities (Buildings & Grounds)  
Lower Campus (Cloys Cecil Building):
  - Installation of additional exterior lighting to improve safety and visibility
  - Mitigation of ongoing soil erosion issues on the property
  - Bathroom upgrades to enhance functionality and student experience
  - Comprehensive gym inspections, including all indoor equipment, risers, and ceiling mounted systems
  - Audio improvements needed in the gymnasium, including replacement speakers and an additional microphone

### Athletics

- Women's Soccer season closing
- Golf season closing
- Flag football season closing
- Alliance Education Services, Inc.-board presentation requested
- New roles in K-8, 9-12, and compliance

### Staffing

- '26-'27 offers to go out soon - early offers to allow tighter budget projections
- Vacancy in business office

## **Financial**

- Quarterly Dac reporting due May 15
- Discussion was held around the financial report
- Experiencing continued delays in district funding
- Line items such as contracted services and athletics may be parsed out to delineate what falls within those categories. We are expecting usual delay in budget adaption and the state level
- Discussion was held around how to best plan and project budget for July-September as the new enrollment is not typically accounted for before October

## **Governance/Policies/Compliance**

- Action steps: provided from renewal site visit
- Bylaw update via amendment process
- Board meeting address placed clearer on the website

### Recommendations:

- List CEO as ex officio in minutes
- Increase number of board members
- Board review financial policies annually; know how to access records
- Board review policies to strengthen succession planning and onboarding (planned for retreat agenda)
- Post lottery information on website
- Consider using state/national benchmarks besides Check-Ins

The Chairman called for a motion for a closed session regarding two personnel and one legal matter. Mr. Coplin made a motion and Mr. Gadson seconded. The motion carried.

The Chairman called for a motion to come out of closed session. Mr. Gadson made a motion and Mr. Jessup seconded. The motion carried.

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. Gadson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

**Announcement**

Board retreat July-August; date and time to be announced

**Minutes recorded by C. Warren**

**OEA Board Meeting Schedule:**

Annual board meeting schedule will be approved by July 31 2026 for 2026-2027