

Quality Education Academy (QEA)
Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2025
Meeting took place in person

Members Present:

Chairman Dr. Jefferson Caruthers
CEO Dr. Tamara Turner
John Foxworth
James Gadson
Adolphus Coplin
Walter Weathers
Ronald Jessup

Absent Members:

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

M. Ross (S) S. Hinds-Thomas (S) B. Roberts (S) A. Marshall (S) K. Aliano (S) Evans (S)

Welcome

The QEA Board Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. 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 and Mr. Foxworth seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Review and approval of Board Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2025

The Chairman called for a motion to receive the minutes into public record. Mr. Coplin motioned to receive the minutes into public record, Mr. Foxworth seconded. The motion carried.

From the Chair

The Chairman expressed appreciation to CEO Dr. Turner for her leadership and dedication to overseeing the overall operations of the school.

CEO's Report

Enrollment

826 of our 850 goal

Academics

- “Aggressive Monitoring”(A.M.) taskforce feedback
 - • Schoolnet training underway
 - • Roles and responsibilities of A.M. team
 - • Meetings on Fridays
 - • Assessment length codified
 - • Tech. needs identified and requisitioned
 - • Creating appropriate bi-weekly assessment for K-2
- Grades and subjects in the top 40% (at 60% to 70% so far)

Operations

- EC recognition by the state for celebrating our Hispanic Population "newsletter"
- Check-in 1 is underway. We will have data to report soon.
- Legacy was a success again this year as we welcomed Sheriff Bobby Kimbrough from the WSFC PD and honored two "Legacy in Motion" alumni graduates: Anthony Fields and David Stevenson Jr.
- Winter Concert is fast approaching 12/12/25 please plan to attend!
- Elementary "facelift"- painting all rooms over winter break
- Initiatives/Events:
 - Replacement of Disney trip with competition in Georgia
 - Ghana trip spring 2026 (10 scholars, 6 adults)
 - Mentoring program awarded a Coca-Cola grant for \$10K
- Trades for 2025-2026
 - **Main Goals: Nutrition and Wellness Enterprise
 - **Certified Pharmacy Technician Program - CEO: Mrs. Ranisha Mangle; Partner
 - **Gifted Hands Academy - CEO: Mrs. Kristal Haith; Partner: Natural Hair Care Program
 - **Southside Rides - CEO: Mr. David Moore; Partner: Autobody Program
 - **ProBuild Engineering Solutions - CEO: Mr. Joseph Robertson; Partner
 - **Next Gen Builders—CEO Joseph Robertson Tiny Homes Project; Partner

Athletics

- Marching Band, Cheer, and Dance teams performed excellently at Livingstone's homecoming parade and won their top band award "1st Place Overall"
- Marching Band won a community grant from Walmart for \$1,000 and have been assured that the grant is renewable every quarter, up to \$5,000 per quarter
- Basketball season has begun and we have 2 home games this week

Staffing

- Recruiting EC teacher
- Tutors needed in math and reading

Financial

- Still in need of college intern, high school work study, and/or parent/community volunteers to offset assistant needs (especially for K-5)

Governance/Policies/Compliance

- Charter Renewal steps (review)
- Noncompliance notice sent and rescinded

The Chairman called for a motion to go into closed sessions to discuss a private personnel matter (6:40pm). Mr. Foxworth made a motion for closed session and Mr. Gadson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman called for a motion to end the closed session (7:10pm). Mr. Foxworth made a motion to end closed session and Mr. Jessup seconded the motion. 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. Jessup seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Coplin made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Weathers seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Announcement

The next Quality Education Academy Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Minutes recorded by C. Warren

QEA Board Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Tuesday, May 12, 2026