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"Creating a Legacy of Greatness – One scholar at a time!"

MINUTES | Board of Directors

January 29, 2026

6:00 PM

I. Opening/Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:28 PM by Dr. Gavin Samms.

II. Attendance and Quorum Verification

Attendees: Marcus Shute (MS), Gavin Samms (GS), Jeremy Faulk (JF), Keshia Niblack (KN), Tamika Jones (TJ), Alison De Souza (AD)

Quorum: Present

III. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Agenda and prior minutes unanimously approved.

IV. Discussion & Action Items

a. Governance Committee Report

- i. MS announced the annual governance training session for Board members.
- ii. Discussion arose regarding registration deadlines and attendance expectations.
- iii. Action items were identified to confirm registration status and ensure required participation.

b. Finance Committee Report

- i. A revised box modular lease renewal proposal was presented.
- ii. The Board approved the revised lease renewal.
- iii. Enrollment updates were shared, noting an increase in boys' enrollment.
- iv. Continued emphasis on community outreach to support enrollment growth was discussed.

c. Academic and Policy Committee Report

- i. Updates were provided on an increase in the gifted scholar population.
- ii. Upcoming academic events were highlighted, including the Scholar of the Month breakfast.
- iii. A mentoring initiative in partnership with By Omega South fraternities was discussed.
- iv. The Board reviewed a kindergarten admission exception involving a teacher's child who did not meet the age requirement.

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- v. A motion was approved to allow enrollment contingent upon a four-year employment commitment from the teacher.
- vi. The need to formalize policy language to guide future age-based admission exceptions was discussed
- d. Development Committee Report
 - i. The status of the relationship with Lance Lucas and Associates was discussed.
 - ii. Plans for a future facility fundraising campaign were reviewed.
 - iii. Discussion included defining fundraising goals, developing supporting graphics, and outlining next steps.
 - iv. Board member giving expectations and fundraising commitments were discussed.
 - v. Vendor partnership and sponsorship ideas, including potential profit-sharing concepts, were introduced for future consideration.

V. Public Forum

No Discussion

VI. Executive Session

No Action

VII. Next Meetings

Board of Directors: **February 26, 2026**

VIII. Closing & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM