

Faith Academy Charter School Board Minutes

May Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2026 6:00 PM

Location: Upper Campus Media Center

*All board members and admin present

*George Wilhelm via Zoom

School Mission:

Faith Academy Charter School will prepare a diverse student body for college and career through Project Based Learning, life skills courses, and College and Technical Education pathways. Through this challenging and supportive learning environment, students address real-world problems to become successful citizens and community leaders in a rapidly changing world.

Agenda

1. Meeting called to order & Welcome guests by Vice Chairman Dennis Ingold
2. Recitation of Mission by Stephen Cowan
3. Pledge of Allegiance by Allen Cress
4. Announcements and Acknowledgements
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of May 18, 2026 Agenda
 - b. Approval of April 20, 2026 Minutes

Motion to approve consent agenda by Allen Cress

Seconded by Robert Leslie

Unanimously Approved

6. Public Comment - [LINK TO FULL POLICY](#)

Public comment is a time for the community to provide feedback to the Board of Directors. For in-person meetings attendees must sign up at the start of the meeting in order to give public comment. Each community member is limited to 3 minutes of comment, with a total time allotted to public comment of up to 30 minutes. During remote meetings, attendees may add their public comments to the chat feature which will be sent directly to the Board of Directors. Board members will then share the comments with the meeting attendees for up to 10 minutes.

Public comment is also a time for the Board of Directors to listen to the feedback of the community. Board members can not respond to public comments during the meeting. However, the Board recognizes that each stakeholder is a vital part of our community and will take comments into consideration when making decisions, planning, providing feedback to administration, and completing committee work.

BOARD GUIDELINES DURING THE 30 MIN. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- The designated Board Moderator of comments will end a comment at 3 minutes, or recommend to the chair that they move on from public comment after 30 minutes of total comment.
- Board members are to listen and not respond or engage in conversation during the 30 minutes of the comments portion of the Board Meeting. They are only to thank the community for the feedback.
- During the meeting or committee follow up, board members can reference comments made by the community, if appropriate in board discussion about agenda items.
- New agenda items should not be added to the current meeting due to public comment. They should be added to board committee agendas or future board meeting agendas.

*No Public Comment



Closed Session:

Motion to enter closed session by Mark Brinkley
6:17pm Seconded by Robert Leslie
Unanimously Approved

Pursuant to [NC GS 143.318.11](#) (a1, a6)

Personnel Committee Business

Expansion Discussion

7. Final Board items - If needed, Action in open session on any Closed Session topics.

7:22pm Motion to enter Open Session by Robert Leslie
Seconded by John Hudson
Unanimously Approved

Motion to accept slate of candidates as provided by Lead Admin by Mark Brinkley
Seconded by Robert Leslie
Unanimously Approved

New Business

8. FY 27 Board Calendar (VOTE)

Motion to approve Board Calendar by Robert Leslie
Seconded by Sheri Halpin
Unanimously Approved

9. AIG Plan (VOTE)

Motion to approve AIG Plan by Nick Lefko
Seconded by Mark Brinkley
Unanimously Approved

10. Reminder for Board Retreat June 19, 2026 9:00am (8:00am School Tour)

Motion to approve board retreat by Robert Leslie
Seconded by Allen Cress
Unanimously Approved

11. Financial Control Policy Revisions (1st Review)

Motion to approve financial control policy revisions by Allen Cress
Seconded by Mark Brinkley
Unanimously Approved

Reports

12. Lead Administrator Report

13. Questions (if any) from the Board for Lead Administrator (regarding Administrator Report)

14. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee-

- i. April Financials**
- ii. FY27 Budget Draft -2nd Read (VOTE)**

Motion to accept Budget Draft by Robert Leslie
Seconded by Mark Brinkley
Unanimously Approved

b. Capital Campaign Committee

c. Grounds, Maintenance and Traffic Committee

Motion to approve soccer field construction using current fun-balance by Robert Leslie
Seconded by Mark Brinkley
Unanimously Approved

Motion to name High-School building in honor of George Wilhelm, Amy Wilhelm, and Gloria Wilhelm by Robert Leslie.
Seconded by Sheri Halpin
Unanimously Approved

Motion to adjourn by Robert Leslie
Seconded by Mark Brinkley

Adjournment: 8:36pm