

Faith Academy Charter School Board Minutes

February Meeting- Including January Cancelled Meeting Due to Inclement Weather

Monday, February 23, 2026 6:00 PM

Location: Upper Campus Media Center

All Members Present*

Stephen Coward Board Member 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 Chair Goerge Wilhelm at 6:06 pm
2. Recitation of Mission by George Wilhelm
3. Pledge of Allegiance by FACS Colorguard
4. Announcements and Acknowledgements
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of February 23, 2026 Agenda
 - b. Approval of November 17, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve consent agenda by Nick Lefko

Seconded by Mark Brinkley

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.

Claudia Mauldin: Expressed consideration of students that live in the area to be able to walk home.

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.

New Business

- 7. Audit Presentation by Rebekka Bar-No modification-looking good**
- 8. 4H Club Presentation**
- 9. Student Council Fundraising Request for Spirit Rock and Friday Spirit Days**
- 10. Transportation Decision for 26/27 (Action)**
 - a. Transportation Oil Service Contract Bid**

Stacy Byrd-Discussion and ultimately tabled until September 2026

- 11. Enrollment/Class Size for 26/27 (Action)**

Motion to increase class sizes K-12 to 100 students by Robert Leslie
Seconded by Sheri Halpin
Unanimously Approved

- 12. Financial Controls Policy Update (1st Review)**

Motion to accept changes by CSP by Robert Leslie
Seconded by Dennis Ingold
Unanimously Approved

- 13. Worker's Comp Policy Renewal (Review)**

- 14. Third Party Cobra Plan Administration (Action)**

Motion to approve MedCon for Cobra Benefits administration by Robert Leslie
Seconded by Mark Brinkley
Unanimously Approved

Reports

- 15. Lead Administrator Report**

- a. **NC Report Card**
- b. **BT Partnership with UNC Charlotte (Action)**

Motion to approve up to \$20,000 to UNCC for the BT Program Partnership by Robert Leslie
Seconded by Nick Lefko
Unanimously Approved

- c. **Charter Renewal Update**
- d. **Calendar Update - Inclement Weather**

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

17. Committee Reports

- a. **Facilities Committee- Repairs and Maintenance Plan**
- b. **Booster/Sports Committee presentation by Athletic Director Howard Torrence**

Motion to accept Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser by Nick Lefko
Seconded by Dennis Ingold
Unanimously Approved

Motion to approve Dale Trexler for fence repairs on baseball and softball fields by Nick Lefko
Seconded by Robert Leslie
Unanimously Approved

- c. **Finance Committee- January Financials**
 - i. **Budget FY26 (Action)**

Motion to accept Budget Amendments by Dennis Ingold
Seconded by Nick Lefko
Unanimously Approved

- ii. **Audit Engagement Letter (Action)**

Motion to accept Letter by Nick Lefko
Seconded by Robert Leslie
Unanimously Approved

- d. **Capital Campaign Committee by Sheri Halpin-\$707,101,66 running total.**
- e. **Personnel Committee- New Hires**
- f. **PTO Committee**
- g. **Grounds, Maintenance and Traffic Committee**

Motion to approved new Mowing Company Mathews Lawncare for March, 1st 2026 by Nick Lefko
Seconded by Robert Leslie
Unanimously Approved

- h. **Safety Committee**

Motion to enter closed session by Nick Lefko

Seconded by Mark Brinkley

Unanimously Approved

Closed Session: 8:43pm

Pursuant to [NC GS 143.318.11](#) (a1, a4, a6)

18. Closed Session Agenda

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

Motion to enter Open Session by Nick Lefko

Seconded by Mark Brinkley

Unanimously Approved

Open Session: 9:16pm

Motion to approve the slate of candidates as provided by Admin by Nick Lefko

Seconded by Mark Brinkley

Unanimously Approved

Motion to approve Plan 1 for new Gym Facility at 7.182 Million by Mark Brinkley

Seconded by Dennis Ingold

Motion to adjourn by Nick Lefko

Seconded by Mark Brinkley

Unanimously Approved

Adjournment: 9:18pm