Faith Academy Charter School Board Minutes
July Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026 6:00 PM
Location: Upper Campus Media Center

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: 6:03 by Dennis Ingold, Attending Board Members: Stephen Cowan, Dennis Ingold, Mike Efird, Sheri Halpin, Allyson Summitt, Allen Cress, John Hudson- entered 7:45pm**
2. **Recitation of Mission**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Announcements and Acknowledgements- Recognize Outgoing Board Members**
5. **Consent Agenda- Motion to approve consent agenda Allen Cress, second Mike Efird, Approved unanimously**
    a. Approval of July 13, 2026 Agenda
    b. Approval of June 19, 2026 Minutes
6. **Public Comment - LINK TO FULL POLICY No public comment was made**

   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.

New Business

7. **New Board Members Effective date on July 1, 2026 (VOTE) Motion to approve Allyson Summitt, Mike Efird, Bonnie Holder with effective date of July 1, 2026 by Sheri Halpin and seconded by Stephen. Unanimously Approved**
8. **Board Officers FY27 (VOTE)**
   Dennis Ingold for Chair- Allen Cress motion Allyson second this motion - unanimous
   Allen Cress for Vice Chair- Dennis Ingold motion Stephen Cowan second this motion -unanimous
   Bonnie Holder for Secretary- Mike motion Sheri second -unanimous
   Robert Leslie for Treasurer- Dennis motioned Allyson second -unanimous

9. **Committee Schedule and Framework FY27 (VOTE)** Allyson motioned to consolidate facilities. & grounds maintenance (upkeep of the building). Also, consolidate. traffic, safety and move buses & transportation into this committee. Then an adhoc infrastructure development- this committee would be as needed only. Allen Cress second this motion. Unanimous vote.

   Chad: During the board prep meeting, we discussed having the PTO committee and Sports/Boosters function as clubs, with a board member assigned to supervise them instead of them being official board committees. Board liaison.

   Need to create new policy for these becoming clubs.
   Saving committee votes for August

10. **Bylaws (VOTE)**
    Motion to approve Bylaws with requested changes by Allen Cress, seconded by Mike Efird. Approved Unanimously
11. **Formal Funding Request to County Commissioners (VOTE)**
    Allen Cress made a motion for Dennis Ingold to sign and Chad Mitchell to send the letter as discussed. Sheri Halpin second. Approved unanimous

12. **Space for Middle School Band $1500/Month + Utilities (VOTE)**
    Allen Cress motioned to accept the lease for the band. Mike Efird second. Approved unanimously.

13. **Transportation Contracts (VOTE)**

    Allyson Summitt - Motion to select option 2 on Parsons contract with the addition for oil changes on 4 buses - school selects; two are bus stop transportation. With an amendment in contract that was a clause for termination, ask of being 30 days 60 days max.. Allen Cress second this motion. Approved unanimously.

14. **MOU for SRO (VOTE)**

    Allen Cress made a motion to approve the MOU for the SRO as discussed, seconded by Allyson Summitt. Approved Unanimously

15. **Roof Repair (VOTE)**

    Allen Cress makes a motion to approve the contract presented for Chad Mitchell to sign. Sheri Halpin seconds motion. Approved Unanimous.

16. **PEX cards for Admin (VOTE)**

    Alyssa presented a request for J. McNeil to have a PEX card issued to him. Mike Efird motions to approve card for John McNeil. Stephen Cowan seconds motion. Approved Unanimous.

17. **Walking to School within a defined proximity discussion**

    John Hudson motions to approve the waiver which doubles as policy. Allen Cress seconds motion. Approved Unanimous.

Reports

18. **Lead Administrator Report**
    a. **Survey of Property - Marking boundaries**
    b. **Preschool Exploration**
19. **Questions (if any) from the Board for Lead Administrator (regarding Administrator Report)**
20. **Committee Reports**
    a. **Facilities Committee**
    b. **Booster/Sports Committee**
    c. **Finance Committee**
    d. **Capital Campaign Committee**
    e. **Personnel Committee**
    f. **PTO Committee**
    g. **Grounds, Maintenance and Traffic Committee**
    h. **Safety Committee**

Closed Session- motion to enter closed session 8:40pm Dennis Ingold, seconded by Allen Cress Approved Unanimously

Contracts and Personnel

Pursuant to NC GS 143.318.11 (a1, a6)

Final Items After Closed Session:

Allen Cress motions to approve candidates as presented. Sheri Halpin seconds. Approved Unanimous.

Allen Cress requests a survey for bus riders.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Allen Cress
Seconded by Allyson Summitt
Approved Unanimously
Time adjourned. 8:56p