

Faith Academy Charter School Board Minutes- Called Meeting July 2025

Monday, July 21, 2025 6:00 PM

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.

All Board Members Present: George Wilhelm, Nick Lefko, Robert Leslie, Mark Brinkley, Sheri Halpin, Stephen Cowan, John Hudson

John Hudson arrived at 6:30 pm

John Sifford Absent

CSP Present in Person: Kelly Holland, Alyssa Mastrolia

Admin Present: Chad Mitchell, Stacy Byrd, Amy Wise

All other Admin and CSP via Online

Agenda

- 1. Meeting called to order & Welcome guests by Chairman George Wilhelm at 6:03 pm**
- 2. Recitation of Mission by Secretary Nick Lefko**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance by Stephen Cowan**
- 4. Announcements and Acknowledgements**
- 5. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of July 21, 2025 Agenda
 - b. Approval of June 16, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Robert Leslie

Seconded by Sheri Halpin

No Discussion

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

New Business

7. Officer Elections

Motion to approve new Officer Elections by Sheri Halpin
Seconded by Robert Leslie
No Discussion
Unanimously Approved

8. Assignment of Committee Members

9. Charter Amendments

- a. **Curriculum: Motion was made by Robert Leslie and seconded by Nick Lefko to approve the request to amend the school's curriculum as presented in the revisions to the charter application and submit the same to Office of Charter Schools for review and approval.**
No Discussion
Unanimously Passed

10. Employee Leave Discussion

In Depth-decided to seek other options.

Reports

11. Lead Administrator Update by Chad Mitchell

a. Budgeted Position Request

Motion to accept request from admin for 3 part time employees by Robert Leslie

Seconded by John Hudson

No Discussion

Unanimously Approved

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

13. Committee Reports

a. Facilities Committee

Motion to use \$60,000 in emergency facilities budget to replace needed HVAC system in the K-Building/Band Room by Robert Leslie

Seconded by Sheri Halpin

No Discussion

Unanimously Approved

- 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

Motion to enter closed session by Robert Leslie

Seconded by Mark Brinkley

Unanimously Approved

Closed Session: 7:24 pm

Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Student Record Information - Pursuant to [NC GS 143.318.11](#)

- a. Personnel

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

Motion to accept list of candidates as presented by Admin by Robert Leslie

Seconded by Mark Brinkley

No Discussion

Unanimously Approved

Motion to accept Band Fundraiser as presented by Admin from Robert Leslie

Seconded by Nick Lefko

No Discussion

Unanimously Approved

Motion to adjourn by Robert Leslie

Seconded by John Hudson

Unanimously Approved

Adjournment: 7:34 pm

Signed Respectfully,

Nick Lefko

Secretary FACS