

Meeting Minutes

Booker T. Washington High School

Date: March 11, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Virtual

Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/@BookerTWashington-1924>

- I.** Call to order: 5:40 PM
- II.** Roll Call

Role	Name <i>(or Vacant)</i>	Present or Absent
Principal	Tiauna Crooms	Present
Parent/Guardian	Deric Long	Absent
Parent/Guardian	Nicole Riggins	Present
Parent/Guardian	Sharifa Jackson	Present
Instructional Staff	Marsha Williams	Present
Instructional Staff	Liza Newberry	Present
Instructional Staff	Sean Stallings	Present
Community Member	Lolita Washington	Present
Community Member	Kendra Choice	Absent
Community Member (WFF)	VACANT	VACANT
Swing Seat	Lasandra Arnold	Present
Student <i>(High Schools)</i>	Belle Williams	Absent
Student	Joseph Rosser	Present

Quorum Established: Yes

- III. Action Items**
 - a. **Approval of Agenda: Motion made by: Nicole Riggins; Seconded by: Lasandra Arnold**
Members Approving: Unanimous
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes
 - b. **Approval of Previous Minutes: List amendments to the minutes: None**
Motion made by: Nicole Riggins ; Seconded by: Lasandra Arnold
Members Approving: Unanimous
Members Opposing: None



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Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes

- c. **Action Item 1: Motion: To Approve Final Budget Recommendation**
Motion made by: Nicole Riggins; Seconded by: Lasandra Arnold
Members Approving: Unanimous
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None
Motion: Passes
- d. **Action Item 1: Motion: Identify ESplost 2027 Priorities**
Motion made by: Nicole Riggins; Seconded by: Lasandra Arnold
Members Approving: Unanimous
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None
Motion: Passes

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1: Final Budget Recommendations:** Principal Crooms presented the final budget recommendation, which had no changes from the draft budget discussed in the previous meeting.
 - **Details**
 - Tiauna: Explained the budget process timeline, noting budgets must be finalized by March 13th
 - Tiauna: Reviewed budget by function including instruction (65%, \$8,027,826), pupil services (12%, \$1,429,154), school administration (12%, \$1,509,089), improvement of instructional services (5%, \$605,920), maintenance and operations (3%, \$379,442), school safety and security (3%, \$343,628), and educational media services (\$60,770)
 - Tiauna: Clarified that instructional staff training has no separate allocation but will be provided in-house, and transportation is absorbed by district support
 - Tiauna: Presented total FTE of 100.5 employees with per-pupil spending of \$15,680
 - **Conclusion**
 - Budget presentation completed with no questions from GO Team members
 - Motion to approve the FY27 budget was made, seconded, and passed
- b. **Discussion Item 2: E-SPLOST 2027 Priorities Identification** Ms. Arnold reported on the March 4th, 2026 CAT team meeting regarding E-SPLOST 2027 planning.
 - **Details**
 - La'Sandra: Explained E-SPLOST as a one-cent sales tax on retail purchases supporting local schools
 - La'Sandra: Presented six program areas: facilities, technology, transportation, safety and security, athletics, and nutrition
 - La'Sandra: Reported that Washington Cluster identified four priority categories: facilities and infrastructure, technology, transportation, and safety and security

- La'Sandra: Requested GO Team members vote on top 3 priorities out of the 4 identified
- Tiauna: Suggested each GO Team member identify their top 3 priorities either verbally or in chat
- La'Sandra: Outlined timeline including March-April 2026 board presentation, June 2026 board adoption, November 3, 2026 referendum vote, and July 1, 2027 collection start if approved
- **Conclusion**
 - GO Team members asked to submit their top 3 E-SPLOST priority areas
 - Information will be compiled and submitted to Dr. Debashi for cluster meeting documentation

V. Information Items

- a. **Principal's Report:** Host virtual engagement meeting for Carver STEAM stakeholders (March 12, 2026) Coordinate in-person school tour for Carver STEAM stakeholders (March 17, 2026)
 - b. **Cluster Advisory Team Report** Ms. Arnold reported on the March 4th, 2026 CAT team meeting regarding E-SPLOST 2027 planning.
 - c. **Carver STEAM Redistricting and Stakeholder Engagement** Principal Crooms provided updates on the closure of Carver STEAM purpose-built school and the impact on Washington High School enrollment.
- **Details**
 - Tiauna: Announced Carver STEAM will have no 9th grade students starting FY27 and will officially close in FY28
 - Tiauna: Explained that rising 9th grade students from Seven Hills area will have choice between Washington High School or Carver Early College
 - Tiauna: Noted that Price Middle School students zoned for Carver STEAM will have option of South Atlanta High School or Carver Early College
 - Tiauna: Announced virtual engagement meeting on March 12th and in-person school tour on March 17th for Carver STEAM stakeholders
 - Tiauna: Stated that current 10th and rising 11th grade students will also have option to transfer to Washington High School
 - **Conclusion**
 - Washington High School anticipates increased 9th grade enrollment for FY27
 - Stakeholder engagement strategy established to inform families about Washington High School as a choice option

VI. Announcements:

- a. Prom Tickets are on Sale. Booker T. Washington High School. Announced alumni baseball game on March 25th at 4:30 PM with ceremonies and photo opportunities
- b. Stallings: Clarified game starts at 5:30 PM and noted his role as assistant baseball coach
- c. Tiauna: Invited stakeholders to participate in running the bases



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Conclusion Community invited to attend and support the baseball team at the alumni game

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Nicole Riggins; **Seconded by:** Lasandra Arnold

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 6:12 pm

Minutes Taken By: Nicole Riggins

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: [\[Insert Date When Approved\]](#)