

# New Life Academy of Excellence

## Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2026

### I. Call to Order at 9:21AM

II. Roll Call, Director Forward, Carter Wilson, Theresa Thomas, Willie Tolbert online. Christine and dr. Matisa excused.

III. Review minutes from the previous meeting on Sat., December 20, 2025, Carter moved to accept the minutes as read, all were in favor.

IV. NLAE Mission and Vision, Carter read.

### V. NLAE Updates

#### ○ Past Events

- Winter Break: December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026
- All staff returns on January 2, 2026
- Mid-Year Instructional Institute: January 2, 2026
- School Store Fundraiser: January 12, 2026
- MLK Jr. Day (No School): January 19, 2026
- Honor Roll Assembly: January 22, 2026
- Open Enrollment Ends: January 30, 2026
- School Lottery:
- Title I Parent Engagement - ML & iReady night: Feb. 10, 2026
- Vision Screening (K-5) *Vision to Learn*: February 17, 2026, 69 students will receive free eye glasses.
- Lunar New Year Celebration: February 19, 2026
- Panda Express Spirit Night: February 20, 2026

#### ○ Upcoming Events

- Class Group Pictures: February 23, 2026

- Kindergarten & 8th Cap/Gown Pictures: February 26, 2026
- Parent Engagement Night - GMAS: February 26, 2026
- Black History Month Program: February 27, 2026
- Early Release & Parent/Teacher Conferences: March 4 & 5, 2026
- Middle School Field Trips: March 12, 2026
- Digital Learning Day #4: March 13, 2026
  - New Student Orientation & School Tours
  - 6th Grade Orientation
- Spring Pictures: March 20, 2026
- Middle School Dance: March 20, 2026

#### VI. Enrollment

- Current Enrollment for SY 2025-2026, 600
- Projected Enrollment for SY 2026-2027, 746 students. 200+ students applied of the upcoming year; we accepted all kindergarten (111) and 15 first grade students.

#### VII. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS)

- February Lesson: Empathy
- MTSS Discipline Data

#### VIII. School Nutrition Program

- Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL Eligibility Data)
  - 61.1% Total Free/Reduced Lunch
- Average Daily Participation: 40%, increased from last year

#### IX. Assessments

- Gifted Assessment Overview, Georgia has taken on MTSS, with a presence in the school for all leader meetings.
- District Assessments, our 600 students compared to 180,000 students in the district

- iReady (Mid-Year),
- Gwinnett Writes

#### X. Academic Updates

- College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI)

#### XI. Employee Services

- Teacher Evaluations
  - Two Brief Observations
  - Mid Year Conferences
- Letters of Intent: February 22, 2026
- Offer Letters: February 26, 2026
- Teacher Contracts: March 12, 2026

#### XII. Financial Update

- Financial Report, presented by Carter Wilson, and accepted.

#### XIII. Board Updates

- Next Meeting: March 21, 2026
- Financial Committee Meeting: March 21, 2026
- We will add Whole Board training for March 21, 2026.

#### XIV. Adjournment at 10:33 AM