

New Life Academy of Excellence

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, June 20, 2026

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call - Director Alphonsa Foward, Mr. Willie Tolbert, Dr. Matisa Wilbon, Ms. Theresa Thomas, Mr. Carter Wilson, Mrs. Christine Chen

III. Review minutes from the previous meeting on Sat., May 16, 2026

IV. NLAE Mission and Vision – The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am

V. NLAE Updates

- Final Report Cards were mailed by GCPS: June 2026
- In-Person Summer School Enrichment: June 8 - 26, 2026
- Gwinnett Summer Leadership: June 3 - 5, 2026
- Upcoming Events
 - Open House: Monday, August 3, 2026 // 9:00am-12:00pm
 - First Day of School: August 5, 2026
 - SY 26-27 Theme: “Soaring Forward in Excellence”
 - Sixth Grade Blazer Ceremony: August 17, 2026
 - Curriculum Night: August 24, 2026
 - Both schools will host simultaneously
 - 5:30-6:00pm // 6:00-6:30pm // 6:30-7:00pm
 - Parent Community Town Hall Meeting with the School-Wide Community Council (SWCC) : August 24, 2026
 - Town Hall will take place before Curriculum Night, 5:00-5:30pm
 - Used Uniform Sales during sessions

VI. School Nutrition Program

- Free/Reduced Lunch Application submissions open July 1, 2026
- Summer Application and info packet will be mailed July 1, 2026
- School meal prices for SY 26-27:
 - Breakfast: \$2.25 full pay // \$0.30 reduced
 - Lunch: \$4.10 full pay // \$0.40 reduced
 - *State of GA will pay for all reduced price fees for SY 26-27

VII. Enrollment

- Ending Enrollment SY 2025-2026: 594

- Enrollment SY 2026-2027: 645

VIII. Academic Updates

- Accelerated Math (6th & 7th Grade)
- 8th grade Algebra EOG
- Accelerated Algebra I EOC (8th grade) Gwinnett Online Campus option
- Curriculum for SY 26-27
 - McGraw-Hill Reveal Math for Mathematics
 - EL Education for English Language Arts
 - HMH for middle school grades 6th -8th
 - STEMscopes for Science
 - Explore Gwinnett Online Campus option for 8th grade science
 - Gallopades for Social Studies
 - SAAVAS Learning (6th - 8th grade Science update)

IX. Assessments

- Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) – results release ETA in July
- iReady ELA Assessment
- iReady Math Assessment

X. Employee Services

- SY 26-27 Staffing Plan
- Review MTSS Leadership Agenda
- New Teacher Onboarding: July 20 -21, 2026
- Summer Instructional Institute: July 27 - 31, 2026
 - Theme: Soaring Forward in Excellence
 - Focus
 - ELA/Writing
 - Classroom Management
 - K-8 Mathematics, Science, Social Studies
 - Effective Instructional Strategies

XI. Technology Updates

- Grades K - 8th will be 1:1
- Approval needed for purchase of 200 Chromebooks
 - A motion was made by Theresa Thomas to approve the purchase of 200 Chromebooks. The motion was seconded by Willie Tolbert and passed unanimously.

XII. Facilities

- Painting completed

- Installation of new doors at Middle School
- Playground Inspection
- Landscaping
 - Mulch
 - Hecna Cleaning Service approval needed – A motion was made by Carter Wilson to continue with service. The motion was seconded by Theresa Thomas and passed unanimously.
- Backflow prevention system repair needed – A motion was made by Carter Wilson to approve the quoted cost from ProTech Fire Inc. for backflow replacement. The motion was seconded by Willie Tolbert and passed unanimously.

XIII. Safety Services

- Duluth PD approval needed – A motion was made by Carter Wilson to approve the continued use of Duluth PD resource. The motion was seconded by Willie Tolbert and passed unanimously.
- Replace school van to meet safety standards – A motion was made by Carter Wilson to approve the purchase of a new school vehicle per the quote presented. The motion was seconded by Theresa Thomas and passed unanimously.

XIV. Financial Updates

- Annual Audit
 - Approval for Auditor for SY 26-27 – A motion was made by Carter Wilson to begin the annual audit with current audit firm. The motion was seconded by Willie Tolbert and passed unanimously.
- Facility Grant

XV. New Business

- Completed Board Training for SY 25-26
- Discussed options for Board retreat

XVI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am