



AGENDA

Shakerag Elementary School Governance Council

Date / time 09/09/2026 | 8:00 am | **Location** PLC Conference Room

SGC Members

Brittany Burnett, Staff (appointed)	Craig Cunningham, Community Member (approved)	Chantel Dowling, Staff (appointed)
Keith Kreutzer, Community Member (approved)	Christine Lemerond, Principal	Rashi Manaktala, Staff (elected)
Tony McNary, Parent (elected)	NaTasha Pennywell, Teacher (elected)	Kathy Preuss, Parent (elected)
Megha Solanki, Parent (elected) - Absent		

FY27 Norms: Be focused and the voice of all stakeholders. ~ Be present, timely, and focused, and goal oriented.

We will now begin our September 09, 2026, meeting of the School Governance Council of Shakerag Elementary School. The Council welcomes and encourages citizens to attend its meetings to become better acquainted with the school programs and the role of the School Governance Council. This meeting is open to the public but is not a public meeting. Citizens are welcome to attend the meeting but must refrain from interruption or distracting the council proceedings. If there are any questions or information that you have for the council, you may contact one of the council members after this meeting or plan to speak at one of the meetings that reserves time for public comment. You can find the council member contact information, meeting dates, and agenda on the School Governance page of the Shakerag Elementary School website.

Time	Item	Owner
8:00am	Action Item: Call to Order	Mrs. Burnett
8:01am	Action Item: Approve Agenda	Mrs. Burnett
8:02am	Action Item: Approve August Meeting Minutes	Mrs. Burnett
8:03am	Action Item: Finalize Committee Chair Positions	Mrs. Burnett
	Budget and Finance: Rashi Manaktala, Tony McNary, Craig Cunningham	
	Outreach and Communication: NaTasha Pennywell, Keith Kreutzer, Chantel Dowling	
8:05am	Information Item: Principal's Update	Mrs. Lemerond
8:15am	Action Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure	Mrs. Lemerond
8:25am	Discussion Item: Strategic Plan Update	Mrs. Lemerond
8:30am	Discussion Item: Review 2026 Council Self-Assessment and Create Initiatives***	Mrs. Burnett
	• Spring Event- Market	
8:45am	Discussion Item: SGC Council Development Opportunities (SGC Essential Training in Canvas for new members, In Person Officer Training and Cross Council) **	All Members
8:50am	Discussion Item: Set Next Meeting Agenda for 10/14	Mrs. Burnett
	• Public Comment • School Counseling Update (10 min.)	
9.00am	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment	Mrs. Burnett

Notes from the Governance and Flexibility Team

** SGC Council Development Opportunities:

SGC Essential Training

Our comprehensive SGC training course is essential for understanding the vital roles and responsibilities within the School Governance Council. This training is designed to equip members with knowledge about the SGC's core structure and key processes for successful school governance.

Login Instructions for Canvas:

1. Open your browser and go to fultonschools.instructure.com.
2. Click "employee log in" and sign in with your Microsoft account.
3. Complete authentication and follow the prompts to reduce sign-in requests.
4. Once logged in, find the School Governance Essential Training listed under courses.

2026 In Person Officer Training

All SGC Officers (Council Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Parliamentarians) are required to complete Officer Training (*unless completed in previous years*). Please note that this will be a more in depth, hands-on training for newly elected officers. This is different from the Officer Training Module found in the Canvas Training.

Click below to register to attend one of the sessions. [2026 Officer Training Sign Up Link](#)

Fall 2026 Cross Council Events

The Governance & Flexibility Team is excited to invite all School Governance Councils to our Fall Cross Council events—two engaging mornings designed to connect, collaborate, and inspire.

These sessions are a unique opportunity for SGC members to learn from district leaders, the Governance & Flexibility Team, and each other. They bring together councils from across the district, creating space for collaboration within feeder patterns and across grade bands.

Dates & Locations to be announced soon!

*** **SY26-27 Council Initiatives:** Review Council Self-Assessment. As a reminder, these were sent in the July Newsletter. Begin discussions to determine the focus of the council's upcoming work. Lean on your school's Strategic Action Plan to ensure the work of the council is aligned with the goals and initiatives being targeted by the school leaders. Task the council with prioritizing 1 – 2 initiatives the SGC could lead or support throughout the year.

******VAF/Programmatic Updates**

All flexibility and programming submissions are due from schools by October 2nd and can be completed using the [VAF/Programming Form](#) located on the [Charter System Website Flexibility page](#).

Schools should use the form to submit the following:

- New Value-Added Flexibility Requests – Use the form to request any new flexibilities for the 2027-2028 school year.
- Updates on Current Flexibilities – All schools approved for value-added flexibilities since 2021 must submit an implementation update. If your school has multiple approved flexibilities, you may select them from the dropdown in the form and submit a single update on overall progress. A separate update for each flexibility is not required.
- Magnet Program Updates/Requests – This includes requests for new magnet programs, updates on all current magnet programs, and notices of sunseting or discontinuing magnet programs. All schools with magnet programs must submit an update for each program. Schools with multiple magnet programs will need to complete multiple forms.

All submissions require School Governance Council approval and a 30-day public comment period. Instructions for managing the public comment process are available on the *Charter System Website*.

Schools wishing to opt-in to one of the four district preapproved waivers should complete the short [Opt-In Notice of Adoption form](#) and follow the linked instructions.

Please contact the Governance & Flexibility Team with any questions or to request additional support.