



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025**

5:30 PM - Middle School Commons - Ben Franklin Academy

Join Zoom Meeting

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MISSION

The mission of Ben Franklin Academy is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged.

VISION

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science, the arts, and literacy. We will be a data-driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff, and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering social emotional development, character, sports, and nature.

STRATEGIC GOALS: 2025-2026

- (1) Focus on the use of emerging technologies (e.g., AI) by students and staff, including overall device usage for school-related purposes.
- (2) Provide a developmentally appropriate educational experience that supports continuous growth from Pre-K - 8th grade.
- (3) Maintain financial stability and transparency with a focus on the future.
- (4) Promote engagement through effective communication and collaboration.
- (5) Hold all stakeholders accountable to BFA's policies and procedures.



Board Attendees: H. Maglieri, A. Lucero, J. Mayhall, M. Matthews, S. Bentley, J. Dawson, T. Ongert

Other Attendees: Diana Simpson

Zoom Attendees: KM Paulson, Bynum, Halsley Hoff, Andrey, Alaina, Colleen, Abby Jensen, Erin's iPhone, Kristin Clark-Bretch, Martina Lee, Christi Jenkins, R Zaccaria, H McNellis, Malia's iPhone, Lindsay, Michael Peterson-Jung, Greg Todd

Haley calls the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Action

Opening - Haley Maglieri

- Welcome/Announcements/Intros
- Mission/Vision
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Amend/Approve Agenda
 - Haley moves to approve agenda
 - Trent seconds
 - October 21, 2025 agenda unanimously approved by all seven (7) voting Board members

Consent Agenda - Haley Maglieri

- Approve Minutes of September 16, 2025 Board meeting
 - Haley moves to approve minutes
 - Joe seconds
 - September 16, 2025 minutes unanimously approved by all seven (7) voting Board members

Open Comments - Melody Matthews

- Remarks will be limited to three minutes per person.
- Individuals who register to provide an open comment submitted through the online form before noon on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 will be called upon during this portion of the meeting.
 - One open comment registration form received; registered speaker called upon with no response (left open for comment until 5:36 pm)
 - No additional in-person/online open comments



Board Bolts - Haley Maglieri

- Recognize October 2025 Board Bolts
 - Levi Barton (3rd)
 - Olivia Chzanowski (5th)
 - Liam Sabaleta (5th)
 - Leigh Savoy (Staff)

Good News From BFA - Stephen Bentley

- 1st grade in-house field trip with Children's Museum and Hudson Gardens
- 3rd grade in-house field trip with Denver Zoo
- Elementary teachers began bully-proof lessons and students have been receptive
- Middle school having monthly assembly on Halloween and costume contest
- Student art contest and winner will display their artwork on the Rock December 12th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences well attended
- Franklin Fest successful
- Installing safety ladder on school to easily access roof for “stuck” playground equipment
- UIP was successfully submitted to District week ahead of deadline
- Talented programming in Douglas County. They spent an hour here speaking with
- State Gifted and Talented audit and district team gave high review of BFA gifted programming and staff

2026-2027 School Year Academic Calendar – Board and Principal Simpson

- Review calendar options and data from Stakeholders
- Vote to Approve the 2026-2027 academic calendar
 - Haley moves to approve calendar Option A
 - Justin seconds
 - 2026-2027 school year academic calendar Option A approved by six (6) aye votes, one (1) nay vote by Adam Lucero
 - Haley moves to approve option of starting one day earlier during 2026-2027 school year in favor of staff inservice day on Jan 4, 2027 immediately following Winter Break and in close alignment with DCSD
 - Melody seconds
 - Option of starting one day earlier unanimously approved by all seven (7) voting Board members



Treasurer's Report - Justin Mayhall and Halsley Hoff

- Due to Fall Break, the Finance Committee did not have the September financials approved in preparation of the October Board meeting

Principal's Report - Diana Simpson

- Report read and discussed

Principal Evaluation Framework – Adam Lucero

- Discussed changes to Principal Evaluation Framework

Policy Review - Haley Maglieri

- Non-Discrimination Policy
 - Reviewed with no changes; no vote required
- Credit Card Policy
 - Reviewed with no changes; no vote required

Committee Leadership Meeting - Trent Ongert

- Discuss upcoming October 27, 2025 meeting involving PTO, CEC and STEM leaders

PTO Report - Trent Ongert

- Report read and discussed

Board Committee Reports

- CEC - Melody Matthews
- School Accountability Committee - Joe Dawson
- STEM Committee - Stephen Bentley

Summary with Calendar

- PTO Meeting: October 22
- STEM Committee Meeting: October 23
- Ben's Brigade with Principals: October 23
- SAC Monthly Meeting: November 4



- Veteran's Day Celebration: November 11
- PTO Meeting: November 12
- STEM Committee Meeting: November 13
- November Board Meeting: November 18

Adjourn

- Haley moves to adjourn October 21, 2025 Board meeting
- Stephen seconds
- October 21, 2025 Board adjourned at 7:13 pm

All Ben Franklin Academy (BFA) Board of Directors (Board) meetings are open to the public and are conducted in compliance with Colorado Open Meeting Requirements.

The BFA Board works for the students, parents and patrons of BFA in promoting the vision and mission of the school. Community input that can help the Board meet the challenge of educating children to BFA's high standards is always welcome. Thus, the Board welcomes comments from members of the public during the public comment time set aside on the agenda on any topic. This is our opportunity to hear from students, parents and patrons for deliberation and discussion.

The Board may respond to public comments at the following meeting. The Board will only take action on items listed on the agenda. For other matters, the Board will receive comments only, and may, at its discretion, refer the matter or calendar the issue for future discussion.