

Emblaze Academy Board Meeting



January 9, 2026

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance:

- Caroline Wachtler
- Daisy Fernandes
- Kaitlyn McKeough
- Kelly Thompson
- Yana Borokhov

Additional Attendees:

- Briana Keitt
- Hyrjana Dibra
- Janeya Hisle
- Travis Hill

Agenda Topic

Discussion Lead

2m Welcome: Call to Order & Roll Call (*Start recording*)

Board Chair

- Note board member attendance & call to order
- **Purpose of meeting:** Confirm decisions on the remaining academic and culture leadership positions following our prior approvals of classroom roles and the security position. The goal is to review what has already been decided, clarify what remains open, outline the available options, and move to a vote.

3m Recap

Board Chair

- Approved in previous Special Meeting:
 - Classroom positions:
 - 5th Math
 - 5th ELA
 - Art
 - Security Guard
- Call with Emplova on Monday 1/5 to discuss salary/benefits impact

5m Options Overview

Board Chair

- **Option #1: HOS Original Proposal**
 - Two Academic Directors (Humanities and STEM) to replace the Assistant Principal
 - Associate Dean of Culture
- **Option #2: Treasurer Proposal**
 - Keep Assistant Principal Role
 - Associate Dean of Culture
- **Option #3: Treasurer Proposal + Postpone Academic Split Decision for 2026/2027 SY**
 - *Keep Assistant Principal Role*
 - *Associate Dean of Culture*
 - Defer decision on splitting Academic Directors (HUM/STEM) until April/May as part of FY26 planning

5m HOS Input HOS

- Feasibility Assessment for Options

10m Discussion/Clarifying Questions about Options Governance Comm. Chair

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TBD Executive Session Needed? Board Chair

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5m Voting Items Board Chair

- Academic Leadership Role Approve ▾

Academic Leadership

- Caroline Wachtler In Favor ▾
- Daisy Fernandes In Favor ▾
- Kaitlyn McKeough In Favor ▾
- Kelly Thompson VOTE ▾
- Yana Borokhov VOTE ▾

- Academic Leadership Role Approve ▾

The motion is to approve the establishment of an Associate Dean of Culture position to replace the Dean of Students role for the remainder of the school year

- Caroline Wachtler In Favor ▾
- Daisy Fernandes In Favor ▾
- Kaitlyn McKeough In Favor ▾
- Kelly Thompson VOTE ▾
- Yana Borokhov VOTE ▾

1m Adjournment Board Chair

- Adjourned at 1:50PM



- HOS to hire open roles
- School to fine tune decisions for EdTec/CSBM to make the decision for board meeting on 1/23