

**Community School of Digital and Visual Arts**  
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**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**March 5, 2026**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Community School of Digital and Visual Arts was called to order on March 5, 2026, by Board Chair, Tommy McNeill.

**II. Roll Call**

Board members present: Bonnie Hauser, Toni Hall, Michael Palmer, Joe Battle, Jessica Davis.

Board members absent: Kathy Everett

**Staff Present**

Cheryal Isaac (Principal)

Ben Johnson (Operations)

Miesha Haggins (Executive Administrative Assistant)

**Prestige Solutions Present**

Ariana Holbin

A quorum was established.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda with the addition of a closed session for legal consultation.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Previous Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

**V. Public Comment**

No public comments were presented.

**VI. Financial Report and Budget Review**

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**A. February Budget Review**

A review of the February financial reports was presented. Key points included:

- State funding totaled approximately \$126,000, including restricted funds for specific programs
- Approximately \$58,600 remained available for payroll and operational expenses

The board discussed budget adjustments and agreed to schedule a follow-up meeting for revisions and future planning.

**B. Budget and Financial Planning**

- Current financial review reflects a temporary surplus dependent on fund usage
- Enrollment funding is based on 144 students
- After-school program expected to close out before the end of the school year
- Unspent funds will be reallocated as needed

**C. Fund Balance and**

**VII. Academic and Instructional Updates**

**A. Student Performance**

- NC Check-In data indicates overall academic growth
- Notable gains in grades 3 and 8
- mCLASS data indicates continued need for improvement in K–2 reading

**B. Instructional Priorities**

- Focus on strengthening early literacy
- Plan to secure additional K–2 reading tutors

**C. Student Support Initiative**

- Introduction of the **STRETCH** program to support test readiness and student confidence

**VIII. Strategic Framework**

**Discover the Falcon Foundation Framework**

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The principal presented a new instructional framework aligned to four pillars:

- Academic Excellence
- Leadership and Voice
- Character and Citizenship
- Creativity and Innovation

Board feedback included:

- Emphasis on personalization and student-centered learning
- Need for parent-friendly language

The board expressed support for the framework with continued refinement.

#### **D Calendar Approval**

- Total fund balance reported at approximately \$412,000 across funds
- No new grant applications currently pending

**Motion:** To approve the 2026–2027 school calendar (1,088 instructional hours).

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### **IX. Operations and Development Updates**

#### **A. Website Redesign**

- New website launched with improved functionality
- Includes online application and donation features

#### **B. Scholarship Initiative**

- Proposal to establish scholarships for student achievement in reading and math
- Plan to formalize and present by end of school year

### **X. Facilities and Relocation**

#### **Building Sale Update**

- Closing anticipated June 2026
- School plans to vacate by June 15, 2026

#### **Relocation Planning**

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- Ongoing discussions with Union Church for a temporary site (2-year term)
- Required state notification has been submitted

**Board Action:**

Consensus to move forward with relocation planning; formal vote pending final documentation.

**XI. Closed Session**

**Motion:** To enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 for legal consultation.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

Legal matters related to property and contractual obligations were discussed.

**Motion:** To return to open session

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miesha Haggins

Board Secretary

Approved 4/9/2026