

# **BREAKTHROUGH** **CHARTER SCHOOL**

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**MMI Administrative Building Boardroom**  
**August 25, 2026 @ 11:00 am**

The Breakthrough Charter School Board met in a regular board meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at the MMI Boardroom at 1101 Washington Street, Marion, AL 36756.

President David Marshall called the meeting to order at 4:03. A quorum was established having five members present. Carmon Fields is absent.

Wendell Crews makes a motion to adopt the agenda. Suzanne McKee seconds the motion.

**Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)**

Melanie Haynes from News Schools of Alabama provides a presentation of the FY2026-FY2027 Annual Budget for BCS's Second Budget Hearing.

Suzanne McKee motions to approved the proposed annual budget and Jackie Bretl seconds.

**Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)**

Melanie Haynes departs the meeting.

Board of Directors review Bylaws and Conflict of Interest Policy.

Suzanne McKee makes a motion to approve the minutes from May 27, 2026, with a second coming from Wendell Crews.

3-Yes 2-Abstain (Robinson/Bretl)

**Motion carried**

Wendell Crews makes a motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2026, with a second coming from Shamonica Robinson.

**Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)**

Jackie Bretl makes a motion to approve the minutes from July 16, 2026, with a second coming from Wendell Crews.

**Motion carried unanimously. 5-0)**

Dr. Pendola joins the meeting and provides an overview of the services available through his organization.

Wendell Crews makes a motion to approve Dr. Pendola to conduct the superintendent's evaluation.

**Motion carried unanimously. (4-0), 1 recusal (Marshall)**

Jackie Bretl motions to approve the July 2026 Financials, with a second coming from Shamonica Robinson.

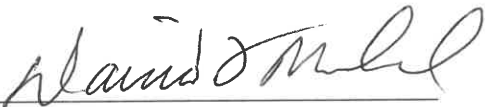
**Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)**

Shamonica Robinson makes a motion to approve the five-year contract between New Schools for Alabama and BCS. Wendell Crews seconds the motion.

**Motion carried unanimously. (4-0), 1 recusal (Bretl)**

Superintendent provides updates concerning BCS.

With there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was presented by Wendell Crews with a second coming from Suzanne McKee, motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

  
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David Marshall, President

  
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Wendell Crews, Secretary