

The Emereau Foundation
d/b/a Emereau: Bladen
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
995 Airport Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337

Minutes

The Emereau Bladen Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Dan Allen, Chair, Dennis Troy, Vice Chair, Dr. Lisa DeVane, Secretary, Jennifer Leggett and Whitley Ward, Board Attorney

Members present via Zoom: Dr. Tanya Head,

Members absent: Phil Byrd, Treasurer and Alphonza Hall

Administrative staff present: Polly Hancock, Executive Director, Amanda Garner, Dean of Lower School, Theresia Wright, Dean of Upper School, and Terri Raynor, Dean of Operations

Visitors in attendance: Joanna Rodriguez

The Chair, Dan Allen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Everyone joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Allen.

Mrs. Hancock, Executive Director, read the Mission Statement.

Mr. Allen asked if there were any Conflicts of Interests for tonight's meeting, there were no conflicts of interest noted.

Before continuing with the meeting Mr. Allen asked to amend the agenda to add revisiting the process of voting when Board members attend the meeting via Zoom to New Business. Mr. Troy made a motion to add as presented. Mrs. Leggett seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Allen presented the minutes from the February 10, 2026 meeting for approval. Mrs. Leggett motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board revisited the process of voting when Board members attend the meeting via Zoom. After a discussion Mrs. Leggett made a motion to adopt the following procedure: When a vote is being held, the quorum involves members attending via Zoom if no quorum is present in-person. Mr. Troy seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hancock asked for the approval of the Engagement Letter for Grant Writing by Prestige. After no discussion, Mrs. Leggett made a motion to approve all policies. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hancock asked for the approval of Calendar Changes. The changes are to make May 12th-14th Early Release days due to EOG testing. After no discussion, Mrs. Leggett made a motion to approve all policies. Dr. Head seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hancock asked for the approval of the following policies: Conflict of Interest and Employee Criminal Background Check. After no discussion, Mr. Troy made a motion to approve all policies. Mrs. Leggett seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ratifying the Engagement Letter for Prestige Services and The Design Service Agreement for DeVane Builders were moved to the May meeting.

Mrs. Hancock presented the financial report for the months of February and March. She reviewed the Financial Metrics and Balance Sheet Analysis. She reported that we are still under collected locally and are on target with our spending. We are still working on updating the 2026-27 budget. After no discussion, Mr. Troy made a motion to approve the financial report for February and March as presented. Mrs. Leggett seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Allen opened the floor for public comments, there were none.

Mr. Troy motioned to go into closed session at 5:46 p.m. Mrs. Leggett seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Troy motioned to come out of closed session at 6:02 p.m. Dr. DeVane seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

After some clarification Mrs. Leggett motioned to go back into closed session at 6:04 p.m. Mr. Troy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Leggett motioned to come out of closed session at 6:06 p.m. Dr. DeVane seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Leggett made a motion to approve items discussed in closed session. Dr. DeVane seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hancock and Mr. Allen recognized the Beta Club members and sponsors. During this time Mrs. Brisson, Club Sponsor, informed the Board members of the awards and new state leadership position that was won during the State Convention.

The Curriculum report, Mrs. Garner and Ms. Wright reported on student field experiences and field trips, i-Ready Results, staff observations and the analyzing of data to identify root causes. (Report on file)

In the Executive Director's report Mrs. Hancock reported on Lotterease numbers, waitlisted numbers, new positions for next year and Growth Grids for iReady. (Report on file)

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:30 p.m..

Mrs. Leggett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Dr. DeVane seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Raynor
Dean of Operations