Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes for the date of June 25, 2026, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm CST

Agenda	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Call to Order	• Board Members: Alfredo Villalobos, Judge Fonseca & Luciana Hampilos were physically present. Dan West was present via Zoom. • Trevor Sorensen, Katie Hernandez Akers, Olivia Mann from Seton were present via Zoom. • Lucy Green and Jared Whitton from Book Report were present via Zoom. • Brillante representatives, Aaron Brenner and Cynthia Valencia, Maribel Razo were present to help facilitate the meeting and introduce Brillante teammates for specific sections.	Meeting called to order by Mr. Dan West, Brillante Board Chair, at 5:03 pm.
Attendance and Quorum	• Quorum was met with all 4 board members present.	
Review & Approval of April 16 , 2026 & May 28 , 2026 minutes	• The minutes from April 16, 2026 & May 28, 2026, were reviewed and approved, subject to an edit from Mr. Villalobos about the policy operations.	Mr. Villalobos motioned to approve the April 16, 2026 & May 28, 2026, minutes. Judge Fonseca seconded. The Board unanimously approved.
Reading of Brillante Mission	• Judge Fonseca read the Brillante mission, values, and goals.	
Public Comments	• No public comments were made.	

Finance	● Ms. Lucy Green reviewed the YTD Financials. ○ Noted the trends in budget ○ Reviewed the balance sheet ● Mr. Trevor Sorensen discussed the Charter First Rating. ● Mr. Sorensen reviewed and asked for the approval of the revised FY26 budget. ○ The board asked questions pertaining to the budget review. ○ The FY26 budget was unanimously approved. ● Mr. Sorensen reviewed and asked for the approval of the FY27 budget. ○ The board had a discussion about the FY27 budget. ○ The FY27 budget was unanimously approved. ● Mr. Sorensen reviewed and asked for the approval of the Mutual Rescission of Existing Lease with SEP Los Ebanos, LLC, Mutual Rescission of Licensing Agreement with Seton Education Partners, Lease Agreement & Purchase Option with SEP Los Ebanos, LLC, & Licensing Agreement with Seton Education Partners. ○ Items G, H & I on the agenda were unanimously approved.	Judge Fonseca motioned the FY26 revised budget to be approved. Ms. Hampilos seconded. The board unanimously approved. Ms. Hampilos motioned to approve the FY27 budget. Judge Fonseca seconded. The board unanimously approved. The board asked for the staff to be updated to current staff on the lease. Judge Fonseca motioned to approve items G, H, & I in the agenda. Mr. Villalobos seconded. The board unanimously approved. Mr. Sorensen noted that he will circulate the lease for signatures.

	● Mr. Sorensen then reviewed and asked for the approval of the contracts for Yummy, Auditor, & Edutek. ○ The board unanimously approved the contacts under item D in the agenda. ● Mr. Sorensen asked for the approval of the Superintendent Salary. ○ The board unanimously approved the superintendent salary. ● Mr. Sorensen reviewed and asked for the approval of FY27 Financial Policies and the Cardholder agreement ○ The board had a discussion about the policies presented. ○ The board unanimously approved the FY27 Financial Policies and Cardholder agreement. ● Ms. Katie Hernandez Akers updated the board about the Pre-Employment Credentials and Employee Records Policy. .	Judge Fonseca motioned to approve the three contracts under item D. Ms Hampilos seconded. The board unanimously approved. Judge Fonseca motioned to approve the Superintendent salary. Ms Hampilos seconded. The board unanimously approved. Mr. Villalobos motioned to approve the FY27 Financial Policies and Cardholder agreement. Judge Fonseca seconded. The board unanimously approved.
Facilities	● Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Aaron Brenner and Mr. Villalobos gave a status update about the following facility projects. ○ The Great Room ○ PreK & Kindergarten Facility ○ The board had a discussion about the facility work & progress ● Mr. Sorensen presented the District Vulnerability Assessment to the board.	

Brillante Academy Updates	● Ms. Hernandez Akers highlighted the strategic priorities that were determined in the spring. ● Ms. Cynthia Valencia & Ms. Maribel Razo presented the STAR data to the board. ○ Highlighted the Literacy Scores ○ Future focus : Prepare for the test in the Fall ○ Highlighted Brillante vs Local School STAR Scores ● Ms. Valencia and Ms. Razo presented changes that are occurring in preparation for the Fall ○ Discussed the onboarding plan for staff ○ Parent support of dual language at home ○ Scholastic Book Fair ○ Read to Test Implementation ● The board asked questions about the test results and next steps. ● Ms. Hernandez Akers highlighted the NWEA MAP test results for all grade levels. She has shared the DIBEL scores. ● Ms. Hernandez Akers shared the EOY attendance, past enrollment and recruitment for the 2026-2027 school year. ○ The board and Brillante staff had discussions around student retention and enrollment efforts. ● Ms. Katie Hernandez discussed Talent ○ 68% hired ○ Many interviews in the next week ○ 100% of returning staff accepted their offer. ● Mr. Brenner presented on fundraising focus and board involvement	

	● The board then asked about the end of the school year and the transition of the Superintendent role ○ Brillante staff and the board had a discussion.	Mr. Brenner asked the board to think of people to invite to future Brillante events.
Legal Committee:	● Ms. Hernandez Akers asked for the approval of the 2026-2027 Staff Handbook. ○ The board unanimously approved the 2026-2027 Staff Handbook.	Mr. Villalobos motioned to approve the 2026-2027 Staff Handbook. Judge Fonseca seconded. The board unanimously approved.
Governance Committee:	● Mr. West reminded the board that board training requirements are due by the end of the month.	
Executive Session	● Executive Session did not convene.	
Meeting Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm	