



**NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting  
Conference Call  
Wednesday, June 25, 2025  
4:30 PM**

**1. Open Session @10 AM**

**1.1 Call to Order: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair**

**1.2 Roll Call: Inga Stotesberry**

**Board Membership Present:** Benjie Forrest, Brian Busch, Julius Walker, Ethan Lenker, Simon Griffin, Jerry Phelps, Melva Lilley, Joyce Moore, Kendall Paramore, Jason Davis, Sherri Gilliam

**Board Membership Absent:** Steven Lassiter, Gene Scott

**1.3 Approval of the June 25, 2025 NERSBA Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest**  
Dr. Ethan Lenker moved to approve the agenda as presented by Mr. Davis. Dr. Jason Davis seconded the motion, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board.

**1.4 Public Comments: Mr. Benjie Forrest None**

**2. NERSBA Scholastic Report: Mrs. Lisa Smith/Dr. David Jenkins**

**2.1 NERSBA Early College Scholastic Update: Mrs. Lisa Smith**

Mrs. Lisa Smith presented the following informational items to our board of directors:

- Our students, parents and faculty have had a successful close-out to the school year
- Report Cards for the 2025 NERSBA Spring Semester have been mailed to parents
- New Scholar Records are now being forwarded to NERSBA for the 2025-2026 school year
- With respect to our NERSBA School Safety Grant, we have purchased radios, added cameras and badge access to the GYM, and a vape detector system is scheduled to be installed within all scholar bathrooms having a deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2025
- Our school is moving forward with the process of the Cogina Accreditation

**3. Skipped item #3 for now per Mr. Benjie Forrest.**

**4. NERSBA Informational Items: Dr. David Jenkins/ Mrs. Lisa Smith**

**4.1 Cogina Accreditation Update: Dr. David Jenkins**

Dr. David Jenkins noted that our initial accreditation visit has been scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> of 2025. Parents, students, and board members will meet with representatives from Cognia to review the schools’ application for accreditation.

Mrs. Lisa Smith has also met with representatives from Cognia regularly, offering her support throughout the schools’ accreditation process. Specific items requested by Cognia have been completed and submitted to the accrediting agency for review.

**4.2 2025 NERSBA Facilities Summer Improvement Projects: Mr. Hal Davis**

**4.1 Ceiling Tile /Lighting Project**

Mr. Davis reported that lighting and ceiling tile work in two classrooms and primary hallways were nearing completion. Work will begin in the next few weeks to replace and install new lighting on the auditorium stage area.

**4.2 Gymnasium HVAC Preliminary Work**

Mr. Davis informed the board that he is working to obtain a quote for a new heating and air conditioning system for the gymnasium. He informed the board that efforts are currently being articulated with Dominion Power regarding the design and cost of upgrading this facility to three-phase service.

**5. NERSBA Action Items: Mr. Benjie Forrest**

**5.1 2023-2024 Fiscal Audit Contract Amendment**

Mr. Michael Hardy presented information regarding the current fiscal operations at NERSBA. Mr. Julius Walker moved to approve the contract amendment with the original date of the contract be reflected to indicate October 31, 2024. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

**5.2 2024-2025 Fiscal Audit Contract Renewal**

Mr. Michael Hardy presented the board with the 2025-2026 audit contract proposal with copies provided to respective board members. Mr. Kendall Paramore moved to approve the contract as presented. Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

**5.3 2024-2025 NERSBA Budget Amendment #1**

Mr. Michael Hardy presented copies of the proposed budget amendment outlining the following categories as indicated by fund:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
State	\$1,879,300.00	55.0%
Local	\$459,500.00	13.5 %
Federal IDEA	\$322,435.00	9.4%
G-5/Grants	\$753,200.00	22.1%
Totals	\$3,414,434.00	100%

**Amended increases:**

State	\$71,572.00
Local	\$140,000.00
Federal	\$528.00
Total	\$202,100.00

Dr. Brian Busch moved to accept Budget Amendment #1 as presented by Mr. Michael Hardy. Mr. Kendall Paramore seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

(#3 Line Item skipped: THIS WAS COVERED IN LINE #5)  
NERSBA Financial Report: Mr. Michael Hardy

**3.1 2024-2025 NERSBA Early College Fiscal Report: Mr. Michael Hardy**  
Mr. Michael Hardy presented an overview of state, federal, and local fund sources and respective expenditures for the 2024-2025 school year.

**6. Announcements: Mr. Hal Davis**

Mr. Davis informed the board of upcoming and scheduled events for the NERSBA Early College:

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| 6.1 | June 23rd-26th                          | North Carolina State FFA Convention, Raleigh Convention Center |
| 6.2 | July 4 <sup>th</sup>                    | Independence Day Holiday                                       |
| 6.3 | July 16 <sup>th</sup>                   | NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting, 4:30 PM                     |
| 6.4 | July 28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> | NERSBA Scholar, Parent, Faculty Orientation Sessions           |
| 6.5 | August 4 <sup>th</sup>                  | First day of 2025-2026 NERSBA Scholastic Calendar              |

**7. Motion to Adjourn**

With no further business items, Mrs. Joyce Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jerry Phelps seconded the motion, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

**Respectively Submitted,**

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**Mrs. Inga Stotesberry/Administrative Assistant**

**Date**