



Minutes

November 8, 2025

Welcome –*Debbie Clary, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 1PM.*

****Notification of the board meeting was advertised on the Pinnacle Classical Academy website and the front doors of the school building were open.**

In attendance:

Attending: Board Members - Debbie Clary, Wes Westmoreland, Amy Dulin, Dr. Christine Boor and Jeremy Boone attended in person and Dr. Christine Boor and Amy Dulin attended virtually.

Administration - Dr. Shelly Shope, Jeff Ziegler, Monica Dellinger, and Kendra McGinnis.

Special Guest:

Conflict of Interest Statement *In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. If any board member has any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board today, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict at this time, and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.*

Adoption of Agenda *Motion made by Wes Westmoreland and seconded by Amy Dulin, all approved.*

Approval of Minutes *Dr. Boor made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2025 meeting, Wes Westmoreland seconded the motion, all approved.*

Public Comments *Persons wishing to appear before the Board during this portion of the meeting should register their name and the subject they wish to address with the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. Each presentation will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board is interested in hearing your concerns, yet speakers should not expect comment, action, or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the public comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate board committee.*

No members of the public were present.

Administration Reports -

**Dean of Elementary Education Report to the Board of Directors
Presented by Mrs. Wendy Clary**

March, 2025



Demographic Trends
Births to Cleveland County Residents

Dean of Academics

March 1, 2025

| Year | Births |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1915 (1920 not available) | 1,138 |
| 1931 (1930 not available) | 1,213 |
| 1940 | 1,296 |
| 1950 | 1,821 |
| 1960 | 1,559 |
| 1970 | 1,484 |
| 1980 | 1,174 |
| 1990 | 1,361 |
| 2000 | 1,334 |
| 2005 | 1,144 |
| 2006 | 1,166 |
| 2007 | 1,200 |
| 2008 | 1,240 |
| 2009 | 1,200 |
| 2010 | 1,127 |
| 2011 | 1,088 |
| 2012 | 1,095 |

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|------|-------|
| 2013 | 1,052 |
| 2014 | 1,055 |
| 2015 | 1,084 |
| 2016 | 1,059 |
| 2017 | 1,065 |
| 2018 | 1,162 |
| 2019 | 1,146 |
| 2020 | 1,079 |
| 2021 | 1,160 |
| 2022 | 1,100 |
| 2023 | 1,154 |

1915 and 1931: births in Cleveland County; all other years: births to Cleveland County residents

Classical Foundations Program (CFP) Update
March 1, 2025

1. Our spring lecturer, Marina Davidovich, is speaking on March 3.
2. Students in middle school and high school watch a brief presentation each month by T.K. Coleman; each presentation is devoted to one of the school's ten values. March's theme is justice.
3. Hadley Heath Manning, a Shelby native, has agreed to be our commencement speaker on Saturday, May 31, 2025 (the Saturday after Memorial Day). Her biography:

Hadley Heath Manning was, until recently, vice president for policy at Independent Women's Forum.

Hadley has testified before Congress and state legislatures on various policy issues. She also appears frequently in radio and TV outlets across the country and is a regular guest on the Fox Business Network. Her work has been featured in publications such as the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, POLITICO, and many others.

In 2016, Hadley was named to Forbes' 30 Under 30 list in Law and Policy.

Hadley graduated with distinction from the University of North Carolina as a Morehead-Cain Scholar with a double major in economics and journalism. She now lives in Denver, Colorado, with her husband and children.

<https://www.iwf.org/people/hadley-heath-manning/>

4. At its winter (February 7) meeting, the Classical Foundations Program's advisory board approved the minutes from its fall meeting. The minutes are appended for reference, as well as the approved amended minutes from its summer meeting.

Minutes of November 1, 2024 meeting

The Pinnacle Classical Academy Classical Foundations Program advisory board met virtually on November 1, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. Eastern time. Wes Westmoreland (chair), Adam C. Smith (vice chair), Marianna Davidovich, David Raney, Thomas Pack, Anna Steinberg, and Jeff Ziegler (non-voting faculty liaison) were in attendance.

The agenda of the November 1 meeting, with an addition of an agenda item to approve a budget adjustment, was approved without objection.

The board proceeded to the approval of the minutes of the August 2 meeting. Dr. Smith noted a typographical error in the penultimate paragraph – “a motion to reelect Dr. Smith” should have read “a motion to elect Dr. Smith” – and with the error corrected, the minutes were approved without objection.

Sen. Westmoreland and Mr. Ziegler updated the CFP board on the progress of Pinnacle Classical Academy and Classical Foundations Program, including an update on construction progress, school testing data, the fall CFP lecture, and CFP financial statements. Sen. Westmoreland and Dr. Smith then led a discussion on the marketing of data.

The board then discussed a proposed adjustment to the approved 2024-25 CFP budget:

- the original budget allotted \$500 toward travel expenses for the fall CFP lecture, \$500 toward travel expenses for the spring CFP lecture, an additional \$500 toward honorarium and travel costs as contingency for the fall lecture, and an additional \$500 toward honorarium and travel costs as contingency for the spring lecture
- the proposed budget adjustment reconfigured these line items to provide for a \$1,000 honorarium for the spring CFP lecture, as well as travel expenses for the lecturer and her daughter

Dr. Smith moved to approve the budget adjustment; Mr. Pack seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 P.M.

Minutes of August 2, 2024 meeting (corrected, with change highlighted)
Approved at November 1, 2024 meeting

The Pinnacle Classical Academy Classical Foundations Program advisory board met virtually on May 3, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. Eastern time. Wes Westmoreland (chair), Marianna Davidovich, Rachel Humphries, David Raney, Thomas Pack, Adam C. Smith, Anna Steinberg, and Jeff Ziegler (non-voting faculty liaison) were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 P.M.

The agenda of the August 2 meeting and the minutes of the May 3, 2024, meeting were approved without objection, following a motion from Sen. Westmoreland, seconded by Dr. Smith.

Sen. Westmoreland and Mr. Ziegler updated the CFP board on the progress of Pinnacle Classical Academy and Classical Foundations Program, including an update on graduation, construction progress, and the decision by Classical Liberals in the Carolinas not to continue to award the John Allison Award. Mr. Ziegler then updated the board on upcoming events, including the fall CFP lecture and the 2025 graduation speaker.

The board then discussed and unanimously approved the 2024-25 CFP budget, following a motion by Ms. Humphries, seconded by Mr. Pack.

Board members then discussed the duties of the vice chair: to chair the meeting in the chair's absence and to assist the chair and the faculty liaison in preparing the meeting agenda.

Board members then proceeded to the annual election of board chair to a one-year term. Ms. Davidovich moved, and Ms. Humphries seconded, a motion to reelect Sen Westmoreland as chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members then proceeded to the first annual election of board vice chair to a one-year term. Ms. Humphries noted that she was recusing herself from the discussion. Following the discussion, Mr. Pack moved, and Ms. Davidovich seconded, a motion to **elect** Dr. Smith as vice chair. The motion passed unanimously.



**Headmaster's Report to the Board of Directors
Presented by Dr. Shelly Shope
March 2025**

Action Items:

- Approval of the 2025-2026 School Calendar

Curriculum and Academics:

- **2025-2026 School Calendar***
 - Attached
 - This school calendar is very much in line with the calendar for this school year. We will have just over 5 days for inclement weather built into the 2025-26 school calendar.
- **Professional Development**
 - Mrs. Jackson attended the National Symposium for Classical Education. From the conference... “Our chief focus is to host a conversation at Symposium that focuses on providing the best classroom education available through the discussion of the classical ideas that inspire us, and the pedagogy, curriculum, and educational accessibility that inform the best teaching practice at every grade level.” She has already signed up to attend again next year.
- **Testing**
 - We are preparing for the ACT as well as the National Latin Exam.
- **Special Student Populations**
 - We are finishing up our final referrals and meetings for the year. The EC team is doing an excellent job completing paperwork, communicating with parents, and helping students bridge the gap.
 - ACCESS testing is complete for our English Language Learners. We are looking forward to seeing the growth of our ELL students

Finance:

- Financial information is attached. We continue to be in a strong financial position.
 - Our percent of revenue used should be at 58% of the budgeted amount. We are in great shape as we move into March. A few lines to review:

- Books & Supplies
 - Student Activities
- We were awarded a Safer Schools grant. I wrote it to cover the additional cost of our SROs. We were awarded \$50,000.

Human Resources:

- **Positions for 2025-2026**
 - Positions for the 2025-26 school year have been posted online, and we have started to recruit and interview to find the best possible candidates for our school.
 - We are continuing to attend job fairs for recruitment.

Community Involvement

- **GLO Luncheon**
 - I was honored to be asked to speak at the GLO (Girls Leading Others) Luncheon. This was a group of middle school ladies who may struggle with fitting in, transitioning to high school, and making friends.
- **Leadership Cleveland County**
 - This years group from Leadership Cleveland visited the 4-12 campus last week. Mrs. Brooks did a great job prepping high school students to participate in a student panel and conduct school tours.
- **Chamber Luncheon**
 - We attended the “Women on Fire” Chamber Luncheon this month. Pinnacle was well-represented by the fantastic group of ladies who attended.

Legal / DPI:

- **EpiCenter**
 - We are up to date with all submissions.

Athletics:

- Report is attached

Enrollment Report

- **Lottery**
 - Our Lottery will be held March 10 @ 6:00.
 - Mrs. Clary and her team have everything ready for a great night, welcoming the newest members to the Pinnacle family.
- **Retention of new students**
 - Mrs. Clary and her team will reach out to the new kindergartners each month between now and August with something from the school.
- **Enrollment**
 - As of March 6th, we have received 226 Initial Applications for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - Based on the data below, we are recommending the following take place at the lottery on March 10.
 - Add an additional 11th grade section (making 4)

| | Expected LOI | Initial Apps | Classes 25-26 | Offer | Total | Class Avg |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| <i>K</i> | 0 | 123 | 5 | 123 | 123 | 24.6 |
| <i>1st</i> | 97 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 100 | 25 |
| <i>2nd</i> | 94 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 104 | 26 |
| <i>3rd</i> | 92 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 103 | 25.75 |
| <i>4th</i> | 95 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 105 | 26.25 |
| <i>5th</i> | 93 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 100 | 25 |
| <i>6th</i> | 100 | 21 | 4 | 10 | 110 | 27.5 |
| <i>7th</i> | 101 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 110 | 27.5 |
| <i>8th</i> | 88 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 100 | 25 |
| <i>9th</i> | 101 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 101 | 25.25 |
| <i>10th</i> | 93 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 93 | 23.25 |
| <i>11th</i> | 83 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 83 | 20.75 |
| <i>12th</i> | 65 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 65 | 21.66666667 |
| | | 226 | | 195 | 1297 | |

| 4-12 | K-3 |
|-------------|-----|
| 862 | 420 |
| | |
| 9-12 | |
| 241 | |

Pinnacle Classical Academy

Report to the Board of Directors

Department of Athletics

- **Fall Sports Recap:**
- ***JV Women's Basketball: 2025 WPAC Conference Champions***

- We continue to be grateful for the following business sponsors:

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| Arthur Services Incorporated |
| Shelby Dental Care Center |
| Caldwell Appraisals |
| Clary Construction Concepts |
| Steven Ray (FBI) |
| Christy Ray Fitness |
| Rejuvatour Primary Care |
| Westmoreland Printers |
| ABT Tax Services |
| Norris Merchandise |
| Shelby Alarm Co. |
| Hoke Enterprises, INC |

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions you may have!

Thank you,

Brandon E. Gosey
Athletics Director

Action Items:

1. Motion was made by Wes Westmoreland to approve the 2025-26 school year calendar as presented. Jeremy Boone seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Committee Updates:

1. Finance: An update was given by Debbie Clary gave an update on the CD's and notification that the budget committee will be meeting in the next couple of months to work on the budget for the 2025-26 school year.
2. Facilities: An update was given about the mobiles being moved and irrigation being installed.

Adjournment Wes Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn and Jeremy Boone seconded. Meeting was adjourned.