GOODWILL EDUCATES, INC., OPERATING
THE EXCEL CENTER® EVANSVILLE SOUTHEAST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 18, 2026

The Board of Directors of The Excel Center® Evansville Southeast met on June 18, 2026 in the Boardroom of Goodwill Corporate Headquarters at 5001 Washington Avenue, Evansville, IN.

Board members present: Cheryl Kuchna, Lori Madison, Carlada Patterson (Chair), Connie Ralph (President), Amanda Simmons (Treasurer), Michael West (Vice Chair)

Board members absent: Jared McIntosh (Secretary)

Staff Present: Kim Bassett, David Blaize, Morgan Lange, Tristan Macon, Brandy Smith

Carlada Patterson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll call was taken. All members who attended were physically present.

There was no public comment.

The minutes of the February 19, 2026 Board meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Cheryl Kuchna, seconded by Lori Madison, the minutes were approved as written. A roll call vote was taken; all members present voted affirmatively to approve the meeting minutes.

Amanda Simmons presented the treasurer's report for April 2026. Total YTD revenue through April was $2,288,756 with total YTD expenses of $1,859,531 for a net operating income of $429,225. Accounts Payable Voucher Registers for January, February, March, and April were reviewed. On a motion by Cheryl Kuchna, seconded by Lori Madison, the treasurer's report was approved. A roll call vote was taken; all members present voted unanimously to approve the treasurer's report. The report will be filed for audit.

Brandy Smith reported that the director's performance review was completed. The recommendation was for a 2% wage increase; however, the director requested to decline the increase. Carlada Patterson recommended that the Board not accept the director's declination because the school met most of its goals and the merit increase is deserved. On a motion by Cheryl Kuchna, seconded by Lori Madison, the director's performance review and 2% wage increase were approved and will be implemented effective August 1, 2026. A roll call vote was taken; all members present voted unanimously to approve the director's performance review and wage increase.

Amanda Simmons gave a detailed overview of the proposed 2026-2027 School Year Budget. After discussion, on a motion by Lori Madison, seconded by Cheryl Kuchna, the 2025-2026 School Year Budget was approved. A roll call vote was taken; all members present voted unanimously to approve the budget.

Tristan Macon reviewed the Accountability Indicator Scorecard. All metrics met or exceeded ICSB targets.

Amanda Simmons reported on the amendment to The Excel Center's lease with Evansville Goodwill Industries, Inc. The lease is being revised to reduce the monthly cost The Excel Center pays in rent based on a square footage charge rather than student count. On a motion by Lori Madison, seconded by Carlada Patterson, the lease amendment was approved. A roll call vote was taken; all members present voted affirmatively to approve the lease amendment.

Amanda Simmons reported that ICSB sent a letter advising that audits are to be performed on an accrual basis rather than a cash basis. A one-year extension has been granted to make the change.

Connie Ralph reported on the Promise Neighborhood 2 grant and requested authorization to apply for the grant and commit GEI/EGI to a match. After discussion, on a motion by Lori Madison, seconded by Michael West, the Board approved proceeding with the Promise Neighborhood 2 grant application and authorized Connie Ralph to commit to the 100% match requirement. A roll call vote was taken; all members present voted affirmatively to approve the grant application and match.

David Blaize presented the director's report. Term 5 enrollment is currently 199, compared to the target goal of 220. Nine students graduated on June 5, 2026, and earned industry-recognized certificates in Bookkeeping, CNA, Ecology Conservation & Management, and Pharmacy Tech. David thanked the Board for their support.

Brandy Smith presented the revised 2026-2027 Student Handbook. After discussion, on a motion by Lori Madison, seconded by Michael West, the revised 2026-2027 Student Handbook was approved. A roll call vote was taken, and all members present voted unanimously to approve the Student Handbook.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is Augus 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at Goodwill Corporate Headquarters with a Microsoft Teams option.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Simmons

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Treasurer