



**Wicomico High School Alumni Association
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2026**

Alumni President Paul Butler called the meeting of the Wi Hi Alumni Association to order on Sunday May 17, 2026 at 06:40 P.M. via scheduled Zoom Meeting. The Meeting began with Close Session Executive Meeting. There were 4 persons in attendance. Gerald Waters acknowledge that Donna White-Elliott is still out for quorum purposes.

Attendance at Meeting: President: Paul Butler (80), Secretary: Starr Purnell (79), Treasurer: Monica Butler (77), and Administrator: Gerald Waters (75)
Others in Attendance: No one was waiting at 7:00PM Regular Meeting Time

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Monica Butler motion to accept previous meeting minutes as prepared and submitted. 2nd by Paul Butler. Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda with Flexibility: Monica Butler Motion to accept agenda approval with flexibility. 2nd by Paul Butler.

Old: Business:

1. Alumni Hall of Fame Update:

- a. Gerald Waters stated that \$400.00 has been received and deposited. He inquired about the names for Hall of Fame and Paul Butler stated he will inquire about the names. Monica Butler asked if the Alumni make recommendations and Paul Butler inquire that the Hall of Fame Committee select them. Paul Butler stated the Hall of Fame Monitor has arrived. The HOF Committee will be working with Robinson's on getting it prepared for the auditorium, hopefully completed this summer.

b. **Names of Honorees:** Names of Honorees were discussed. After much discussion and names submitted the finals, Honorees were selected:

- i. Robert Evans (Principal 1974-1989)
- ii. Lynne Bratten (Teacher/Guidance Council 1974-1999)
- iii. Linda Hamilton (Actress: Class of 1974)
- iv. Dr. Nicole Gale (Class of 1987)
- v. Dr. Kevin Douglas (Class of 1986)

Posthumously Honors :

- George Schoepf (Teacher/Coach)
- Louella Holliday (Teacher/Coach)
- Susan Ward (Teacher/Advisor)

2. Approved 2026 Gala Menu:

a. Menu for Gala was discussed by committee members present and the final decision: Fried Chicken, Glaze Ham, Salmon, Mash Potatoes, Veg. Medley, a 3rd side to be determined, Apple Pie and Chocolate Cake @ \$34.95. Motion made by Monica Butler to approve the selected menu at the price stated. 2nd by Paul Butler. Motion carried.

3. **Membership Renewals:** Gerald Waters inquired about expired memberships. Paul Butler announced that reminder emails were sent out.

New Business:

1. **Approve May 2026 Finance Report:** Gerald Waters submitted a copy of Financial Report to Board prior to meeting and Board Members acknowledged that they received it. Report reflect current balance is \$6,589.18. Gerald Waters stated no funds has come in and once Treasurer receive bill from Civic Center, funds will be transfer and bill will be paid. Motion made by Starr Purnell and 2nd by Monica Butler to approve the Finance Report as Received. Motion Carried.

2. 2026 Scholarship Program Winners:

- a. Deborah Laguerre (UMBC)
- b. Skylar Yonker (UMCP)
- c. Torez Purnell (UMBC)

Discussion on when the schools will receive checks. Paul Butler will draft a letter to give to the Scholarship Winners stating once they are enrolled to submit registration to Treasurer Butler and checks will be issued. Monica Butler stated that she has their Acceptance Letters. Attending the Awards Night at 6PM on May 18th at Wi-Hi Auditorium will be Paul Butler, Monica Butler and Starr Purnell.

3. Application of Maryland Sales Tax Exemption:

Gerald Waters reported that he reapplied the application for MD Sales Tax Exemption. It was recognized but not approved. He has received confirmation and just waiting on letter to arrive with card to have on file.

Announcements:

Paul Butler announced that he will start promoting the Gala, the Brick Garde and Membership.

There being no further business to come before the meeting Paul Butler adjourned the meeting at 7:28 P.M. to reopen **June 28, 2026** at 6:40 P.M. for Executive Meeting and Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. by Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Starr Purnell

Starr Purnell (Secretary)

Minutes Approved on Date: _____ Motioned made by: _____ 2nd by: _____