



NEW DAWN ACADEMY

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 8200 Irving Street
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by President Mulrooney.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. The following board members were in attendance:

Present—Ms. Mariola Mulrooney
Present—Ms. Sakenah Hamdi
Present— Mr. Suhaib Almkhtar
Absent —Dr. Sam Almasri
Absent – Mr. Eraqi Eraqi

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Also in attendance were the following individuals:

Mr. Ahmed Saber, EMAN
Dr. Randy Speck, EMAN
Mr. Ehab Hassan, EMAN (arrived at 6:18 pm)
Dr. Larry Cowger, EMAN
Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, EMAN
Mr. Adnan Aabed, New Dawn Academy of Warren
Mr. Mike Thayer, Saginaw Valley State University

Appointment of Temporary Chairperson

It was moved by Mr. Almkhtar and seconded by Ms. Hamdi that Ms. Mulrooney be the temporary chairperson. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Hamdi, and Almkhtar). Motion passed –chairperson approved.

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Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Mulrooney and seconded by Mr. Almkhtar to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Hamdi, and Almkhtar). Motion passed - Agenda approved.

No conflict of interest was reported by any board member.

Public Comment Relating to Agenda Items

No public comment was provided.

Annual Organizational Resolutions

Election of Officers -It was moved by Mr. Almkhtar and seconded by Ms. Mulrooney to re-elect the current slate of officers for the 2025/2026 year. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Hamdi, and Almkhtar). Motion passed - Agenda approved.

President – Ms. Mulrooney
Vice President – Dr. Almasri
Treasurer – Ms. Hamdi
Secretary – Mr. Almkhtar

Annual Resolutions - It was moved by Ms. Hamdi and seconded by Mr. Almkhtar to approve the Annual Resolutions including the following:

- Bank Account – Chase
- Authorized Signers – President, Treasurer, Saber
- Freedom of Information Act Representative – Cowger
- Regular Meetings – third Tuesday
- Bonding of Officers
- Legal Counsel – Meihn
- Auditor – Wilkerson
- AHERA Contact – Hassan
- Harassment Contact – Alkhalaf and Speck
- Title VI, Title IX, and 504 Contact – Cowger
- Agreement to Comply with Applicable Laws, Rules and Regulations
- Chief Administrative Officer – Hamdi
- School Safety Liaison – Hassan
- SVSU Oversight Compliance – Cowger



The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed - Annual Resolutions approved.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Reports

Mr. Saber welcomed the Board to the August meeting and thanked the Board for their service. He reported that the renovations are complete, and the final inspection has been approved. He thanked Mr. Hassan for a successful project. Dr. Speck, and Dr. Aabed provided an overview of the written report including highlights of current school activities including an overview of summer school, approval of the GSRP program, current enrollment, professional development, and the start of school. He noted that the next meeting will include the presentation of MSTEP data.

Dr. Coggins highlighted the financial reports noting cash on hand, current fund balance, with revenues and expenditures.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

It was moved by Ms. Hamdi and seconded by Mr. Almukhtar to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on June 17, 2025. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed – Minutes approved.

It was moved by Ms. Hamdi and seconded by Mr. Almukhtar to approve the monthly financial reports. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed – Monthly financial reports approved.

It was moved by Ms. Hamdi and seconded by Almukhtar to approve the Request to Borrow letter to SVSU. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed - Request to Borrow approved.

It was moved by Mr. Almukhtar and seconded by Ms. Mulrooney to approve the Bus Lease Agreement. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed - Bus Lease Agreement approved.



Other Business

Mr. Almkhtar, Ms. Hamdi, and Ms. Mulrooney completed the Annual Conflict of Interest Forms.

Extended Public Comments

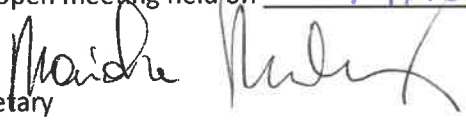
There were no extended public comments.

Closing Items

The next regular meeting was announced for Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

It was moved by Mr. Almkhtar seconded by Ms. Hamdi that the meeting be adjourned at 6:48p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion passed – Meeting Adjourned.

I certify that these minutes were approved [] as read, [] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on 9.16.25 at which a quorum was present.

By: 
Its: Secretary

Copies of the minutes are available at 8200 Irving Street, Sterling Heights, MI 48312.