



NEW DAWN ACADEMY

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2024  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: 8200 Irving Street  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm 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

Absent— Mr. Suhaib Almkhtar

Absent —Dr. Sam Almasri

Present – 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

Mr. Adnan Aabed, New Dawn Academy of Warren

Mr. Mike Thayer, Saginaw Valley State University

Approval of Agenda

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

No conflict of interest was reported by any board member.

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### Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Mulrooney and seconded by Ms. Hamdi to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on August 28, 2025. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Hamdi, and Eraqi). Motion passed –Minutes approved.

### Public Comment Relating to Agenda Items

No public comment was provided.

### Correspondence

Dr. Cowger shared SVSU's letter of approval of the NDA Borrowing Letter.

Dr. Cowger reviewed the Field Rep Report from the August 28 board meeting. There were no findings and all of the checks affirmed that NDA is meeting SVSU standards.

Dr. Cowger shared the SVSU fee and State Aid reconciliation document.

### Reports

Mr. Saber welcomed the Board to the September meeting and reviewed enrollment. Dr. Speck and Dr. Aabed provided an overview of the written report including highlights of current school activities including professional development, and the start of school, and 2025 MSTEP data.

Dr. Cowger 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 Ms. Mulrooney to approve the monthly financial reports. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes –3/0; Mulrooney, Hamdi, and Eraqi). Motion passed – Monthly financial reports approved.

### Other Business

There was no other business.



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Extended Public Comments

There were no extended public comments.

Closing Items

The next regular meeting was announced for Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at the EMAN Offices in Southfield for the auditor’s report and Education Presentation.

It was moved by Ms. Mulrooney and seconded by Ms. Hamdi that the meeting be adjourned at 6:33p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion passed – Meeting Adjourned.

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I certify that these minutes were approved ~~N~~ as read, [ ] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on 10.21.25 at which a quorum was present.

By:   
Its: Secretary

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