



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - January 20, 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Held at the EMAN offices located at 27704 Franklin Road, Southfield, MI 48034

1. Opening Items

- 1.1 Oath of Public Office - The Oath of Public Office was administered to Dr. Osama Almasri by Dr. Lorilyn K. Coggins, Notary Public.

[Sam Almasri.doc](#)

- 1.2 Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President, Mariola Mulrooney at 6:20 pm.

- 1.3 Roll Call

Mariola Mulrooney, President - Present

Dr. Sam Almasri, Vice President - Present

Sakenah Hamdi, Treasurer - Present

Suhaib Almkhtar, Secretary - Present (arrived at 6:32)

Eraqi Eraqi, Trustee - Present (arrived at 6:22)

A quorum was in attendance.

Also in attendance were the following individuals:

Mr. Ahmed Saber, EMAN

Mr. Ehab Hassan, EMAN

Mr. Juan Jaramillo, EMAN

Dr. Larry Cowger, EMAN

Dr. Randy Speck, EMAN

Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, EMAN (acting Recording Secretary)

Dr. Adnan Aabed, New Dawn Academy of Warren

Mr. Mike Thayer, Saginaw Valley State University

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda - It was moved by Hamdi, seconded by Almasri to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Agenda approved.

Carried

1.5 Conflict of Interest Inquiry - No conflicts of interest were reported.

1.6 Prior Meeting Minutes

[2025-12-16 Board Meeting Proposed Minutes.docx](#)

Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes - Moved by Almasri, seconded by Eraqi. Unanimous vote. Motion Carried. Minutes approved.

Carried

2. Public Comment - No public comment received.

3. Correspondence – The following correspondence was reviewed and received in the record.

3.1 The Charter Collaborative Newsletter

[Newsletter January 2026 - The Charter Collaborative - SVSU.pdf](#)

3.2 MISD Field Audit Report

[MISD 2025-2026 Field Audit Report.pdf](#)

3.3 SVSU Hylant Insurance Review

[012026 Hylant Group Ins Request.pdf](#) 

3.4 State of Michigan - Elevator Section

[Elevator Violation Repairs completed.pdf](#) 

4. Reports

4.1 Management Company Report - Mr. Saber welcomed the Board to the January meeting and noted that school is back in session after the winter break. He disclosed the process for determining when the school would close due to weather conditions. He also reported an enrollment of 332 students with the Spring Count scheduled for February 4, 2026. He noted that Ramadan would occur during the month of March. A community Iftar dinner is scheduled for March 11, 2026 and he encouraged all board members to attend. Dr. Speck and Dr. Aabed provided highlights of the written report.

[NDA Building Report January 2026.pdf](#) 

4.2 Financial Reports - Dr. Coggins highlighted the December financial reports highlighting cash on hand, the current fund balance, state revenues and year to date expenditures as compared to the budget.

[Dec 2025 Board Financial Package.pdf](#) 

4.3 Annual Education Cover Letter and Report - The Annual Education Cover Letter and Report were presented to the Board.

[NDA AER Cover Letter 2025.docx](#) 

[24-25 Student Assessment Data.pdf](#) 

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

6.1 Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Motion to Approve the Monthly Financial Reports - It was moved by Hamdi and seconded by Almkhtar to approve the monthly financial reports. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Financial Reports approved.

Carried

6.2 Amended 25/26 Budget

[NDA - Amend I 2025-2026 with Detail.pdf](#)

[NDA Budget Appropriation Amend I 2025-2026.doc](#)

Motion to adopt the 25/26 Budget as Amended - It was moved by Hamdi and seconded by Mulrooney to adopt the amended 25/26 Budget as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried. 25/26 Amended Budget adopted.

Carried

6.3 26/27 Lottery and Enrollment Procedures

[Proposed Lottery Procedures 2026-2027 NDA.doc](#)

Motion to approve the 26/27 Lottery and Enrollment Procedures - It was moved by Almasri and seconded by Eraqi to approve the 26/27 Lottery and Enrollment Procedures. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried. 26-27 Lottery and Enrollment Procedures approved.

Carried

6.4 Ratify the actions taken at the December Meeting to include:
Approval of November Minutes
Approval of November Financial Reports

Motion to Ratify the actions taken at the December Meeting - It was moved by Hamdi and seconded by Mulrooney to ratify the actions taken at the December meeting to include approval of the minutes and financial reports. The vote was

unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried. December Board actions ratified.

Carried

6.5 Educational Program Description

[NDA Educational Program Doc 2025 \(2\).docx](#)

Motion to approve the updated Educational Program Description - It was moved by Mulrooney and seconded by Almkhtar to approve the updated Educational Program Description as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Educational Program Description approved.

Carried

6.6 Reauthorization

Review and approve the reauthorization documents as presented

[Reauthorization Contact Form.pdf](#)

[Reauthorization Assurances Page.docx](#)

[NDA Org 2025-2026.pdf](#)

[NDA combined Job Descriptions.pdf](#)

[Age and Grade Range of Pupils Schedule 11.docx](#)

[Methods of Pupil Assessment Schedule 12.docx](#)

[MDE Curriculum Requirements-Schedule 6 2024.docx](#)

Motion to approve the reauthorization documents as presented for submission to Saginaw Valley State University - It was moved by Almkhtar and seconded by Hamdi to approve the Reauthorization documents for submission to Saginaw Valley State University. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Carried

7. Other Business

8. Extended Public Comment (not limited to agenda items) - There was no extended public comment.

9. Closing Items

9.1 Announcement of Next Meeting Date – The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

9.2 Adjournment - It was moved by Almukhtar and seconded by Almasri to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Meeting adjourned.



Board Secretary

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors of New Dawn Academy in public for the purpose of conducting the New Dawn Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting.

I certify that these minutes were approved as read, [] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on 2.17.26 at which a quorum was present.

By:
Its: Secretary

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