



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, February 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

8200 Irving Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

1. Opening Items

- 1.1 Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Board President Mulrooney.
- 1.2 Roll Call - A roll call was taken. The following board members were in attendance:
 - Present–Ms. Mariola Mulrooney
 - Absent–Ms. Sakenah Hamdi
 - Present– Mr. Suhaib Almukhtar
 - Absent –Dr. Sam Almasri
 - Present – Mr. Eraqi Eraqi

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Also in attendance were the following individuals:

Mr. Alejandro Alvarez, 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

- 1.3 Approval of Agenda - It was moved by Mr. Almukhtar and seconded by Mr. Eraqi to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Eraqi, Mr. Almukhtar, and Ms. Mulrooney). Motion passed - Agenda approved.
- 1.4 Conflict of Interest Inquiry - No conflict of interest was reported by any board member

- 1.5 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - It was moved by Mr. Almkhtarand seconded by Mr. Eraqi to approve the minutes from January. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Eraqi, Mulrooney, and Almasri). Motion passed – Minutes adopted.

2. Public Comment - None

3. Correspondence - None

- 3.1 Dr. Cowger reviewed the SVSU Annual GCF Report. Overall the report was very positive
- 3.2 Dr. Cowger reviewed the NDA GSRP submission, capturing 16 students in Pre-K.
- 3.3 Dr. Cowger reviewed the SVSU Field Report, which was overwhelmingly positive.
- 3.4 Dr. Cowger reviewed the SVSU Charter Collaborative Newsletter.
- 3.5 Dr. Cowger reviewed the Board Appointments and Term Resignations, noting Mr. Almkhtar and Ms. Hamdi’s terms are expiring as of 6/30/2026.
- 3.6 Dr. Speck gave a Reauthorization Update, noting that SVSU reauthorized NDA for five years.

4. Reports

- 4.1 Management Company Report - Dr. Speck and Dr. Aabed provided an overview of the written report including highlights of current school activities including an overview of academics, current enrollment, professional development, and assessment.
- 4.3 Financial Reports - Dr. Cowger briefly reviewed the financials pointing out cash on hand, the fund balance, State revenues, and expenditures.
- 4.4 Dr. Cowger briefly reviewed the revised NDA Education Program document, with is part of the EPR and Reauthorization.

5. Unfinished Business - None

6. New Business

6.1 Approval of Monthly Financial Reports- It was moved by Mr. Almkhtar and seconded by Ms. Mulrooney to approve the January financials. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Eraqi, Almkhtar). Motion passed – Financials approved.

6.2 Approval of the Letter of Engagement with Wilkinson & Associates. It was moved by Mr. Almkhtar and seconded by Mr. Eraqi to approve the Letter of Engagement. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Eraqi, Almkhtar). Motion passed – Letter of Engagement approved.

6.3 Approval of the Board Membership Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Mulrooney and seconded by Mr. Eraqi to approve the Board Membership Resolution. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Eraqi, Almkhtar). Motion passed – Board Membership Resolution approved.

6.4 Approval of the Insurance Renewal. It was moved by Mr. Almkhtar and seconded by Mr. Eraqi to approve the Insurance Renewal. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Eraqi, Almkhtar). Motion passed – Insurance Renewal approved.

6.5 Amend the 2025-2026 School Calendar. It was moved by Mr. Almkhtar and seconded by Mr. Eraqi to amend the 2025-2026 School Calendar. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Eraqi, Almkhtar). Motion passed – 2025-2026 School Calendar amended.

7. Other Business

8. Extended Public Comment (not limited to agenda items)

9. Closing Items

9.1 Announcement of Next Meeting Date – March 17, 2026 at New Dawn Academy.

9.2 **Adjournment-** It was moved by Mr. Almkhtar and seconded by Mr. Eraqi to adjourn at 6:48pm. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Mulrooney, Eraqi, Mr. Almkhtar). Motion passed – Meeting adjourned.

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.

Minutes available at Board office: 8200 Irving, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

I certify that these minutes were approved as read, [] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on 3.17.26 at which a quorum was present.

By: 
Its: Secretary

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