

New Branches Charter Academy  
Board of Directors  
3662 Poinsettia Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508  
Teachers' Lounge

Regular Meeting  
October 14, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Eric Thomas-Ferrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

BOARD MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Eric Thomas-Ferrell- President	X	
Josiah Roggenback – Vice President	X	
Jeff VanDyke - Treasurer	X	
Angie Shadix - Secretary		X
VACANT - Director		

Others Present: Terry Larkin, Principal, Tanner Maten – Assistant Principal, Ali DuBois, Superintendent, Mike Nagy, Director of School Finance, Dan Remenap - CMU, Craig McCrumb – CMU, Kasey Maner – Maner

3. Public Comment for Agenda Items Only

None

4. Approval of Agenda (action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell and supported by Member Josiah Roggenback to approve the agenda as amended, removing item “10.B.”.  
Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

5. Correspondence

A. CMU Fiscal Activity

6. Approval of Minutes of the September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting (attached – action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Josiah Roggenback to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2024.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

7. Finance

A. Audit Presentation (action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Josiah Roggenback to accept the Audit Report.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

B. Financial Statements – June, July, August, and September 2024 (action)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Josiah Roggenback to accept June, July, August, and September 2024 Financial Reports, pending audit.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

8. Academics

A. CMU Academic Performance Report (discussion)

B. M-STEP Data (discussion)

School Leadership presented.

9. Old Business

None.

10. New Business

A. MHSAA Participation Resolution (action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Josiah Roggenback to approve the MHSAA Participation Resolution.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

B. Title IX Policy Update (action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Josiah Roggenback to approve Title IX Policy Update.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

C. GLSI Mini Grant (action item)

Tabled until November.

11. Other Business

None

12. Management Company Report – Information Only

- Principal's Report
- Superintendent Report

Discussed.

13. CMU Representative Update

14. Extended Public Comment

None

15. Closed Session (If requested)

None

16. Confirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. – November 11, 2024 in the Teachers' Lounge, New Branches Academy.

Confirmed.

17. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Eric Thomas-Ferrell – 6:51 p.m.

Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the forgoing approved minutes of the October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting are accurate and correct.

*Eric Thomas-Ferrell*

Eric Thomas-Ferrell, Board President  
October 14, 2024

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a meeting of the public. There is a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors will be heard from during the Public Comment portions of the agenda. Public will be allowed to address the board during the public comment section(s) of the meeting as noted on the board meeting agenda.

Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriated and time-effective manner.

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