

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

Regular Meeting
November 11, 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		

Others Present: Terry Larkin, Principal, Tanner Matner – Assistant Principal, Ali DuBois, Superintendent, Mike Nagy, Choice Schools, Craig McCrumb – CMU, Kate Hasenbank – NBCA, Kayleigh Graves - NBCA

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, moving item “10.C. to number 7”.
Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

5. Correspondence

A. Choice Advisors

Discussed.

6. Approval of Minutes of the October 14, 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 October 14, 2024, as submitted.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

7. GLSI Mini Grant (Action)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell and supported by Member Jeff VanDyke to approve the GLSI Mini Grant of \$728.65.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

8. Financial Statements – October 2024

It was moved by Member Jeff VanDyke supported by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell to accept the October 2024 Financial Report, pending audit.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

9. Academics

A. Fall NWEA Assessment (Discussion)

School Leadership presented Fall NWEA data.

10. Old Business

A. Board Member Vacancy (Discussion)

Board Members interviewed board candidate Jason Goggins.

Board Member Nomination

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Jeff VanDyke to nominate Jason Goggins for membership on the New Branches Charter Academy Board of Directors.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes 0 Nays

11. New Business

A. Fall Enrollment Count Update (Discussion)

354 students for fall count.

B. GR Construction Drainage Work Quote (Discussion)

Board reviewed potential concerns with drainage under part of the building. The board will seek an engineer to engage with to determine the issues and design a solution.

12. Other Business

None

13. Management Company Report – Information Only

- Principal's Report
- Superintendent Report

Discussed.

14. CMU Report

15. Extended Public Comment

None

16. Closed Session (If Requested)

None

17. Confirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. – December 9, 2024 in the Teachers' Lounge, New Branches Academy.

Confirmed.

18. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Eric Thomas-Ferrell – 6:47 p.m.

Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the forgoing approved minutes of the November 11, 2024 Regular Meeting are accurate and correct.

Eric Thomas-Ferrell

Eric Thomas-Ferrell, Board President
November 11, 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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