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

Regular Meeting
February 24, 2025 – 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	
Jason Googins – Director	X	

   Others Present: Terry Larkin, Principal; Tanner Maten, Assistant Principal; Kurt Naber, Choice Schools; Jen Shiels, Finance Director; Craig McCrumb – CMU

3. Swearing-in of Jason Goggins - Oath of Office

   Jason completed and submitted the oath of office prior to the meeting.

4. Public Comment for Agenda Items Only

   None

5. Approval of Agenda (action item)

   It was requested to add an MTSS update to the Principal's report, and to remove CMU Board Member Appointment Info. from the correspondence agenda item.

   It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell and supported by Member Josiah Roggenback to approve the agenda as amended.
   Motion Approved – 5 Ayes 0 Nays

6. Correspondence

   None

7. Approval of the Minutes of the January 13, 2025 Meeting (attached – action item)

   It was moved by Member Jeff VanDyke supported by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2025, as submitted.
   Motion Approved – 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

8. Financial Statements – January 2025

   A. January Financials (Discussion and Approval)

      It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Angie Shadix to accept the January 2025 Financial Reports, pending audit.
      Motion Approved – 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

   B. Amended Budget (Discussion and Approval)

      It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Jeff VanDyke to approve the 2024-2025 Amended Budget, as presented.
      Motion Approved – 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

9. Academics
   A. NWEA MAP Progress Report

      Reviewed with the board.

   B. Reading Corp Progress Report

10. Old Business
    A. Green Schools Conference (Action)

       Discussed during school leader report. No action required.

11. New Business
    A. 2025-2026 School Year Calendar (Discussion and Approval)

       It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Angie Shadix to approve the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar, as presented.
       Motion Approved – 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

B. Annual Education Report (Discussion)

Discussed.

C. Contract Amendment Resolution (Discussion and Approval)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Josiah Roggenback to approve the contract amendment resolution indicating the Board will not need an amendment for the 2025-2026 School Year.
Motion Approved – 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

12. Other Business

None

13. Management Company Report – Information Only

A. Principal's Report and MTSS Update
B. Superintendent Report

Discussed.

14. CMU Updates - Craig McCrumb provided a brief update.

15. Extended Public Comment

None

16. Closed Session (If requested)

None

17. Confirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. – March 24, 2025, in the Teachers' Lounge, New Branches Academy.

Confirmed

18. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Eric Thomas-Ferrell – 6:49 p.m.

Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the forgoing approved minutes of the February 24, 2025 Regular Meeting are accurate and correct.

Angie Shadix
Angie Shadix, Board Secretary
February 24, 2025

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 appropriate and time-effective manner.

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