



**Board of Directors
3662 Poinsettia Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508
Teachers' Lounge**

**Regular Meeting
May 12, 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, Ali DuBois, Superintendent, Nicole Tuinstra
Authorizer: Craig McCrumb - CMU

3. Public Comment for Agenda Items Only

None

4. Approval of Agenda (action item)

It was moved by Member Josiah Roggenback and supported by Member Angie Shadix to approve the agenda as submitted.
Motion Approved – 4 Ayes 0 Nays

5. Correspondence

None

6. Approval of Minutes of the April 28, 2025 Regular Meeting (attached – action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Angie Shadix to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2025, as submitted.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes 0 Nays

7. Special Education Presentation - Nicole Tuinstra

8. Finance

A. April 2025 Financials (attached – action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Jeff VanDyke to accept the April 2025 Financial Report, pending audit.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes 0 Nays

9. Academics

School leadership presented an update on spring testing.

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

A. ESP Evaluation (Discussion)

Discussed.

B. Spring - Board Policy Update (Discussion and/or Action)

Discussed.

C. Strategic Plan (Discussion/Action)

Discussed.

- Community building (formally DEIB)

- Behavior management (restorative practices)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell and supported by Member Jeff VanDyke to approve the Strategic Plan.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes 0 Nays

12. Other Business

None

13. Management Company Report – Information Only

- Principal's Report
- Superintendent Report

Written reports provided. Discussed.

14. CMU Report

15. Extended Public Comment

None

16. Closed Session (If requested)

None

17. Confirmation of Next Regular Budget Hearing, and Organizational Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. – June 9, 2025 in the Teachers' Lounge, New Branches Academy.

18. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Eric Thomas-Ferrell – 6:38 p.m.

Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the forgoing proposed minutes of the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting are accurate and correct.

Angie Shadix

Angie Shadix, Board Secretary
May 12, 2025

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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.

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