

New Branches Charter Academy Board of Directors  
Teachers' Lounge  
Regular Meeting  
August 25, 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: Tanner Maten – Principal, Ali DuBois, Superintendent, Craig McCrumb – CMU

3. Public Comment for Agenda Items Only

None

4. Welcome New School Leader - Tanner Maten

The Board welcomed Tanner Maten as the new Principal.

5. Approval of Agenda (action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell and supported by Member Josiah Roggenback to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes 0 Nays

6. Correspondence

None

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the June 9, 2025 Regular, Budget Hearing, Organizational Meeting (attached – action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell supported by Member Angie Shadix to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2025 Regular, Budget Hearing, Organizational Meeting, as submitted.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes 0 Nays

8. Finance

A. June and July 2025 Financials (attached – action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell and supported by Member Angie Shadix to approve the monthly financial report for June and July 2025, pending audit.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes 0 Nays

9. Academics

10. Old Business

11. New Business

A. Family/Student Handbook (Discussion/Approval)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell and supported by Member Angie Shadix to approve the Family/Student Handbook.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes 0 Nays

B. Revised BP 8142 and 9130 (Discussion/Action item)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell and supported by Member Josiah Roggenback to approve the Revised BP 8142 and 9130.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes 0 Nays

C. Triennial Assessment (Discussion)

Discussed.

D. Wellness Plan (Discussion/Approval)

It was moved by Member Eric Thomas-Ferrell and supported by Member Angie Shadix to approve the Wellness Plan.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes 0 Nays

12. Other Business

13. CMU Representative Report

14. Management Company Report – Information Only

A. Principal's Report

- Back to School Plan – Fall 2025

B. Superintendent's Report

- Strategic Plan Update

14.A. -14.B. discussed.

15. Extended Public Comment

None

16. Closed Session (If requested)

17. Confirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. – September 22, 2025 in the Teachers' Lounge, New Branches Charter Academy.

18. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Eric Thomas-Ferrell – 6:42 p.m.

Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the forgoing approved minutes of August 25, 2025 Regular Meeting are accurate and correct.

*Angie Shadix*

Angie Shadix, Board Secretary

August 25, 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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