



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM

8200 Irving Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

1. Opening Items

- 1.1 Call to Order at 6:05pm by Ms. Hamdi - No roll call was taken due to two board members arriving late. The group decided to view the SVSU Newsletter and the Reports.

2. Reports

- 2.1 Dr. Cowger reviewed the SVSU April Newsletter from Correspondence
- 2.2 Management Company Report – Mr. Saber, Dr. Speck, and Dr. Aabed provided an overview of the written report, including highlights of current school activities including an overview of academics, current enrollment, professional development, and assessment.
- 2.3 Leader in Me presentation - Dr. Speck presented the Leader in Me MRA survey, which is a school perception survey for students, parents, and staff.
- 2.4 Financial Reports - Dr. Cowger briefly reviewed the financials, pointing out cash on hand, the fund balance, State revenues, and expenditures.

Quorum was established at 6:20pm, and the board had an official roll call

- 2.5 Roll Call - A roll call was taken. The following board members were in Attendance:
Absent–Ms. Mariola Mulrooney
Present–Ms. Sakenah Hamdi
Present– Mr. Suhaib Almukhtar (arrived 6:05pm)
Absent –Dr. Sam Almasri
Present – Mr. Eraqi Eraqi (arrived at 6:20pm)
- 2.6 Approval of Agenda - It was moved by Ms. Hamdi and seconded by Mr. Eraqi to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Eraqi, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed - Agenda approved.

2.7 Conflict of Interest Inquiry - No conflict of interest was reported by any board member.

2.8 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - It was moved by Mr. Almukhtsr and seconded by Ms. Hamdi to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Eraqi, Almukhtar, and Hamdi). Motion passed – Minutes adopted.

3. Correspondence

3.1 Dr. Cowger shared the Pupil Accounting audit for NDA, showing only the slightest of deductions.

4. Reports - Reviewed under item 2

5. Unfinished Business - None

6. New Business

6.1 Approval of Monthly Financial Reports- It was moved by Ms. Hamdi and seconded by Mr. Almukhtar to approve the financials. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Eraqi, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed – Financials approved.

6.2 Approval of the School Calendar - It was moved by Mr. Almukhtar and seconded by Mr. Eraqi to approve the School Calendar. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Eraqi, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed – Calendar approved.

6.3 Approval of Spring Board Policy Updates- It was moved by Ms. Hamdi and seconded by Mr. Almukhtar to approve the Spring Board Policy Updates. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Eraqi, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed – Spring Board Policy Updates approved.

6.4 Approval of ESP Agreement for 2026-2031- It was moved by Ms. Hamdi and seconded by Mr. Almukhtar to approve the ESP Agreement. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Eraqi, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed – ESP Agreement approved.

7. Other Business - None

8. Extended Public Comment - None

9. Closing Items

- 9.1 Announcement of Next Meeting Date – May 19, 2026, at New Dawn Academy.
- 9.2 Adjournment - It was moved by Mr. Almukhtar and seconded by Ms. Hamdi to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – 3/0; Eraqi, Hamdi, and Almukhtar). Motion passed – Adjournment approved.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors of New Dawn Academy in public for the purpose of conducting the New Dawn Academy’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting.

Minutes available at Board office: 8200 Irving, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

I certify that these minutes were approved[] as read, [] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on _____ at which a quorum was present.

By _____

Its: Secretary

Copies of the minutes are available at 8200 Irving Street, Sterling Heights, MI 48312.