

Caniff Liberty Academy
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Caniff Liberty Academy
2650 Caniff St.
Hamtramck, MI 48212

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Omar Abu-Shanab.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. The following board members were in attendance:

Present – Mr. Abu-Shanab, President
Absent (Excused) – Dr. Elmoataz Ibrahim, Vice President
Present - Mr. Ali Al-Zaquq, Treasurer
Present – Mr. Imad Hamad, Secretary
Present (arrived at 6:05 pm) – Mr. Qurban Choudhury, Member

A quorum was in attendance to conduct business.

Also in attendance were the following individuals:

Mr. Ahmed Saber, EMAN
Mr. Ehab Hassan, EMAN
Dr. Larry Cowger, EMAN
Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, EMAN
Dr. Latacha King, Oakland University Charter Schools Office

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Mr. Abu-Shanab to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – Abu-Shanab, Al-Zaquq, Hamad, and Choudhury). Motion passed - Agenda approved.

Conflict of Interest Inquiry

There were no conflicts of interest indicated by any board member with respect to the items listed on the agenda.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Mr. Abu-Shanab to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2025, as read. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – Abu-Shanab, Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, and Choudhury). Motion passed - Minutes approved.

Annual Budget Hearing

The 2025/2026 Projected Budget was presented.

No public comment was received on the 2025/2026 Projected Budget.

Public Comment Relating to Agenda Items

No public comment was provided.

Correspondence

Several items of correspondence were received and entered into the record to include the following:

- GSRP Approval
- MDE Approval of the 25/26 Vended School Meals Contract Renewal

Reports

Mr. Saber welcomed the Board to the final meeting of the 24/25 school and reported that Dr. Speck and Mr. Kozak were attending a Marzano Conference. He presented the board report, including academic, assessment, enrollment, staffing, events and activities.

Dr. Coggins summarized the monthly financial reports noting cash on hand, fund balance, and actual budget percentages for both revenues and expenditures.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Coggins reviewed the compiled ratings in the Annual ESP Evaluation.

New Business

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Mr. Abu-Shanab to approve the monthly financial reports as presented. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (AYES – Abu-Shanab, Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, and Choudhury). Motion passed – Monthly financial reports approved.

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Mr. Abu-Shanab to adopt the 25/26 Budget as presented. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (AYES – Abu-Shanab, Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, and Choudhury). Motion passed – 25/26 Budget adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Mr. Abu-Shanab to adopt the 24/25 Amended Budget as presented. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (AYES – Abu-Shanab, Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, and Choudhury). Motion passed – 24/25 Amended Budget adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Abu-Shanab and seconded by Mr. Hamad to approve the 25/26 Vended School Meals Contract Renewal as presented and approved by MDE. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (AYES – Abu-Shanab, Al-Zaquq, Hamad, and Choudhury). Motion passed – 25/26 Vended School Meals Contract Renewal approved.

Authorizer Comments

The June Board Briefs were provided to the Board.

Dr. King commended the school on its NWEA data and student growth. She reported on activities at Oakland University.

Other Business

No other business came before the Board.

Extended Public Comments

There was no extended public comment.

Closing Items

The next meeting (Annual Organizational Meeting) was announced for Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

It was moved by Mr. Abu-Shanab and seconded by Mr. Hamad that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion passed – Meeting Adjourned.

I certify that these minutes were approved as read, [] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on August 20, 2025 at which a quorum was present.

By: 
Its: Secretary