

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 2650 Caniff Street
Hamtramck MI 48212

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Mr. Al-Zaqzsq.

Roll Call

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

Absent (Excused) – Mr. Abu-Shanab
Present - Mr. Ali Al-Zaqzsq
Present – Mr. Imad Hamad
Present – Mr. Qurban Choudhury
Absent (excused) – Dr. Elmoataz Ibrahim

A quorum was in attendance to conduct business.

Also in attendance were the following individuals:

Mr. Ahmed Saber, EMAN
Dr. Randy Speck, EMAN
Dr. Larry Cowger, EMAN
Mr. Tom Kozak, Caniff Liberty Academy
Ms. Sukie Gruesbeck, Oakland University Charter Schools Office

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Mr. Al-Zaqzsq to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaqzsq, Hamad, and Chowdhury). Motion passed - Agenda approved.

Conflict of Interest Inquiry

No board member indicated having a conflict of interest with any proposed agenda item.

Prior Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Mr. Al-Zaqzq to approve the prior meeting minutes from August 2025 as presented. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaqzq, Hamad, and Chowdhury). Motion passed – August minutes approved.

Public Comment Relating to Agenda Items

No public comment was provided.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Reports

Mr. Saber welcomed the Board to the September meeting noting the start of the school year and enrollment. Dr. Speck then highlighted the written report and provided an update of professional development activities, staffing and MSTEP scores.

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

Unfinished Business

Mr. Saber shared that the property adjacent to Caniff, that we previously made an offer for, is on hold due to a pending offer.

New Business

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Mr. Al-Zaqzq to approve the monthly financial statements as presented. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaqzq, Hamad, and Chowdhury). Motion passed – August financial reports approved.

It was moved by Mr. Al-Zaqzq and seconded by Mr. Hamad to approve the Student Handbook. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaqzq, Hamad, and Chowdhury). Motion passed – Student Handbook approved.

Other Business

No other business was considered.

Authorizer Comments

The September Board Brief was provided to the Board.

Extended Public Comments

There was no extended public comment.

Closing Items

The next meeting was announced for Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Mr. Al-Zaqzاق that the meeting be adjourned at 6:34 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 October 15, 2025 at which a quorum was present.

By:



Its: Secretary