

Caniff Liberty Academy
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 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. Abu-Shanab

Roll Call

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

Present – Mr. Abu-Shanab
Present - Mr. Ali Al-Zaqzuq (arrived 6:11pm)
Present – Mr. Imad Hamad
Absent – Mr. Qurban Choudhury
Present – 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
Mr. Ehab Hassan, EMAN
Dr. Larry Cowger, EMAN
Mr. Tom Kozak, Caniff Liberty Academy
Dr. Latacha King, Oakland University Charter Schools Office

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment Relating to Agenda Items

No public comment was provided.

Correspondence

Dr. Cowger reviewed the qualified statement for borrowing.

The Hylant Insurance review showed compliance.

Dr. Cowger reviewed the OU newsletter, highlighting Dr. Speck and Mr. Kozak's contribution.

Mr. Saber and Dr. Cowger reviewed the 31aa controversy. It was moved by Mr. Abu-Shanab and seconded by Mr. Hamad to support opting in for the 31aa funds. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaquq, Hamad, Abu-Shanab and Ibrahim). Motion passed – 31aa grant approved.

Reports

Mr. Saber welcomed the Board to the November meeting noting the enrollment and Dr. Speck and Mr. Kozak highlighted the written report and provided an update of academics, professional development and student activities

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 Dr. Ibrahim to approve the monthly financial statements as presented. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaquq, Hamad, Abu-Shanab and Ibrahim). Motion passed – October financial reports approved.

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim to approve the Board Policy Updates as presented. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, Abu-Shanab and Ibrahim). Motion passed – Board Policy Updates approved.

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim to approve the Amended School Calendar as presented. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, Abu-Shanab and Ibrahim). Motion passed – Amended School Calendar approved.

Other Business

No other business was considered.

Authorizer Comments

The November Board Brief was provided to the Board.

Extended Public Comments

There was no extended public comment.

Closing Items

The December meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Mr. Abu-Shanab that the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 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 1.22.25 at which a quorum was present.

By: 
Its: Secretary