

Caniff Liberty Academy
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 2650 Caniff Street
Hamtramck MI 48212

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Dr. Ibrahim

Roll Call

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

Absent – Mr. Abu-Shanab
Present - Mr. Ali Al-Zaqzuq (arrived 6:11pm)
Present – Mr. Imad Hamad
Present – 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
Mr. Alejandro Alvarez, EMAN
Dr. Randy Speck, EMAN
Mr. Ehab Hassan, EMAN
Dr. Larry Cowger, EMAN
Mr. Tom Kozak, Caniff Liberty Academy
Ms. Antoinette Dorsett, Oakland University Charter Schools Office (via Zoom)

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – Choudhury, Al-Zaqzuq, 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 November 2025 as presented. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – Choudhury, Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, and Ibrahim). Motion passed – November 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 January meeting and Dr. Speck and Mr. Kozak highlighted the written report and provided an update on academics, professional development and student activities.

Dr. Cowger reviewed the Annual Education Report cover letter and showed the data report for CLA.

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

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

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-Zaqzuq, Hamad, Choudhury, and Ibrahim). Motion passed – December financial reports approved.

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim to approve the 25/26 amended budget as presented. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, Choudhury, and Ibrahim). Motion passed – the 25/26 amended budget approved.

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim to approve the 26/27 Lottery and Enrollment procedures as presented. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, Choudhury, and Ibrahim). Motion passed – 26/27 Lottery and Enrollment procedures approved.

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

Dr. Cowger reviewed the Conflict of Interest form and reminded the members in attendance to complete the form before they leave the meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim to approve a revised school schedule for the month of Ramadan. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, Choudhury, and Ibrahim). Motion passed – Revised School schedule approved.

Other Business

No other business was considered.

Authorizer Comments

The January Board Brief was provided to the Board.


Extended Public Comments

There was no extended public comment.

Closing Items

It was moved by Mr. Hamad and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim that the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (Ayes - Al-Zaqzuq, Hamad, Choudhury, and Ibrahim) 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 February 16, 2026 at which a quorum was present.

By: 
Its: Secretary