



YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
3410 Laird Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
August 12, 2025, at 5:30 PM
MINUTES

I. Call to Order Regular Meeting

- A. Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

- A. Members present: Mora, Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Mixis
- B. Others present: Dr. Amanda Magnuson (EPI), Stacey Smith (Director), Mindy Miller (KRESA)

IV. Approval of Agenda

- A. Motion to approve the agenda Brennan, seconded by Mixis.
 - a. Voice vote, passed unanimously.

V. Public Comment — (five minute maximum)

- A. No public comment

VI. Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the July 8, 2025 Organizational Meeting Minutes made by Brennan, seconded by Fielder.
 - a. Voice vote passed unanimously.
- B. Motion to approve the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes made by Brennan, seconded by Fielder.
 - a. Voice vote passed unanimously.

VII. Communications

A. Management Update

- a. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board that the addition of 6th grade students beginning with the 2025-2026 school year to Youth Advancement Academy's charter has been approved by the authorizer, Kalamazoo RESA.
- b. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board on the situation with unpaid invoices.

B. Director's Report

- a. No student of the month for July as school is out

- b. Staff member of the month is Lavoda, who helped out this summer with enrollments, the food pantry, and setting up.
- c. Director Smith advised the board that we have enrolled our first ever student from Comstock.
- d. Director Smith stated that she had sold 6 AC units and purchased items for students including a new reading and intervention computer, radios for staff, and other items for the building.
- e. There will be 2 SSW interns this fall who will attend the entire school year.
- f. Director Smith advised the board that she is still experiencing safety concerns at the school such as camera access, random people being in the building with no notice sent prior, main doors being propped open, KPS staff unlocking all of the doors and leaving them unlocked, multiple visits by KPS staff with no prior notice.

VIII. Regular Agenda

A. July 2025 Financial Report

- a. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board on the financials for the month of July and reconciliation detail; no major in or out of the ordinary revenues/expenses for July.

B. ESP Evaluation Task – tabled until September meeting

C. Attorney Payment: Motion to approve posting the overpayment to Board Attorney toward retainer made by Mora, seconded by Fielder.

- a. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

IX. Public Comment: (non-agenda items)

A. None

X. Board Comments

A. None

XI. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Brown, seconded by Fielder.

- a. Voice vote passed unanimously
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2025 @ 5:30pm (Oakwood Elementary)