



YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY

RESCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Held at Oakwood Elementary
3410 Laird Ave. Kalamazoo, MI 49008
January 13, 2026 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at **5:31 p.m.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - A. Members present: Mora, Brennan, Brown, Mixis
 - B. Others present: Dr. Magnuson (EPI), Mindy Smith (KRESA), Dr. Dedrick Martin (KRESA)
 - C. Absent: Fielder, Raines, Saunders
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Brown and seconded by Brennan
 1. Voice vote passed unanimously
- V. Public Comment — (five-minute maximum)
 - A. Greetings and well-wishes from Dr. Martin. Attending to provide support for the Deficit Elimination Plan and accompanying budget (DEP) task sent by MDE. Board expressed their appreciation
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Motion to approve December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes was moved by Brown and seconded by Mixis
 1. Voice vote passed unanimously
- VII. Communications
 - A. Director's Report
 1. No Student or Team Member recognized due to short month
 2. Current student counts: there appears to be conflict in the report regarding the count. A new form for reporting student count needs to be devised. Intense discussion of report followed. Action item created for Magnuson to devise report focused on FTEs and send to all Board Members, as well as Dr. Martin
 3. There are two confirmed graduates for this year, one who is very grateful for the efforts of the team in pushing her to complete her degree.
 4. Currently 4 students working remotely
 5. Next lunch date for local school members is Jan 23rd, with 8 people signed up
 6. With continued enrollment growth, additional staff may be needed. Discussion followed regarding need for caution.
 - B. Management Update
 1. Received a task from MDE to rework the number of students listed in the budget for the DEP. Working with Chad now.

- VIII. Regular Agenda
 - A. December 2025 Financial Report
 - 1. Cash flow presented but will be adapted for KPS and MDE changes mentioned in Management Update
 - B. Board Policy Changes: Tabled
- IX. Public Comment: (non-agenda items)
 - A. No public comment
- X. Board Comments
 - A. Mixis began conversation regarding current grants, current opportunities, and ways of reporting number of student lives touched. Brennan and Dr. Martin discussed additional grant opportunities. Meetings will take place with Director Smith when she returns.
 - B. Mora questioned date of February 20 as next meeting date. Dr. Magnuson will send emails to confirm February 10th as the appropriate meeting date.
- XI. Adjournment
 - A. Motion to adjourn was moved by Brown and seconded by Brennan.
 - 1. Voice vote passed unanimously, adjourning at 6:16p.m.

Next Meeting: **February 10, 2026 at 5:30pm** (Oakwood Elementary)