



CORNERSTONE LINCOLN-KING ADAMS-YOUNG ACADEMY

Meeting of the Board of Directors Public School Academy Corporation

Location: Adams-Young Middle 17351 Southfield Fwy, Detroit, MI 48235

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2025

6:00 p.m.

1) BUSINESS ROUTINE

a) Call to Order (President)

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

b) Board of Directors Roll Call

Present: Michael Dixon, Lawrence Baker, Mickey Mortimer

Absent: Horace Sheffield

Attendees: Clint McDaniel, GVSU Representative; Elizabeth Noa Carrion, Compliance Director; John Kava, Legal Counsel; Grant Heugel, Director of Operations; Doug Zloto, Chief Operating Officer; Taiwo Da-Silva, Superintendent; Dustin Quarella, Enrollment Director

c) Adoption of Agenda

Baker moved. Dixon seconded. All approved.

d) Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Baker moved. Dixon seconded. All approved.

e) Pledge of Allegiance

Board and attendees said the pledge of allegiance.

f) Sharing of Gratitude

Board and attendees expressed their gratitude's.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to agenda items)

There was no public comment.

3) PRESENTATIONS

a) Organizational Update - Doug Zloto

We continue to move forward in our journey to obtain our child care licenses. We are pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Isaac London as Director of Childcare, he is currently in the onboarding process. Mr. London holds a Master's degree in Child Development and brings extensive school-based experience to the role. We made minor changes to the handbooks, we aligned the mission and philosophy in all handbooks. It has come to our attention that we are not meeting the expectations for on time compliance submissions with GVSU. We have a plan in place and are addressing the issue.

b) Academic Update - Taiwo Da-Silva

We will be focusing on our Math and Reading scores. We consulted with GVSU and mapped out our goals and how we will get to our goals. Over the next 3 years we will grow in proficiency by 8% the first and second year, the third year we will grow by 7%. We will use the state assessment as our benchmark, we will focus on the yellow bubble students and not forget about the green students (or on grade level students). We will use a 90/90/90 strategy in Math, ELA, and science. Classes will be 90 minutes each. Including a focus on 90% minority students, 90% of proficiency, 90% of graduation.

c) Enrollment Update - Dustin Quarella

At AYE, there is strong enthusiasm for the SFA program. The Dawn to Dusk program continues to attract families and support enrollment growth. Looking ahead, our focus will be on reducing high school enrollment by approximately 100 students, while enrollment at both AYE and AYM is expected to remain steady.

d) Finance – John Kava

There is not much new to report at this time since the arguments have not yet been submitted. A few weeks ago, the U.S. Department of Education was ordered to release approximately \$3.5 million, and as of yesterday, we are still pursuing an additional \$2.1 million through an emergency motion. While this matter directly involves Washington-Parks, the background also touches on the LKAYA district. Overall, the results so far have been positive, and we are approaching the end of this process. The board will be updated as additional rulings and resolutions come through.

4) BOARD POLICY WORK

a) Board Meeting Dates for 2025-2026: All on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

1. October 23, 2025
2. January 15, 2026
3. March 19, 2026
4. May 21, 2026
5. June 25, 2026

5) ACTION ITEMS

- a) Approval of the 25-26 Student Handbook as presented.
- b) Approval of the 25-26 Athletic Handbook as presented.
- c) Approval of the Student Technology Use Agreement.
- d) Approval of MHSAA Resolution as presented.
- e) Approval of the 25-26 Employee Handbook.
- f) Approval of Food Service Contract Renewal for 25-26

Mortimer motioned to combine and approve Action Items 5a-5e. Baker moved, Dixon seconded. All Approved.

Mortimer motioned to approve Action Item 5f. Dixon moved, Baker seconded. All Approved.

6) CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Approval of the resolution identifying the Chief Administrative Officer Designee - Doug Zloto
- b) Approval of the resolution authorizing the appointment of the Freedom of Information Act Coordinator - Elizabeth Noa Carrion
- c) Approval of the resolution authorizing the appointment of Legal Counsel - John Kava

- d) Approval of the resolution authorizing the appointment of the School Safety Liaison - Grant Heugel

Mortimer motioned to combine and approve Consent Items 6a-6d. Dixon moved, Baker seconded. All Approved.

7) AUTHORIZER COMMENTS – McDaniel

The 2025–26 virtual board training calendar has been finalized and sessions are open for registration through the GVSU CSO website. All training hours count toward the governance requirement under the academic grant. A new component this year includes a personalized, in-person board training session tailored to each board’s self-assessed needs.

Schools were reminded of updates to emergency response planning, including new legal requirements related to sudden cardiac arrest preparedness and mandatory training for emergency response teams and high school athletic coaches. Boards are also encouraged to include GVSU in their response plans to ensure timely communication and support.

Several new laws will take effect this fall. Beginning October 1, schools must annually provide families with firearm safety notices—materials will be supplied by MDE in multiple languages and must also be posted on school websites. In addition, charter schools must publicly post the average salaries of teachers (new and veteran) and support staff.

MAPSA has raised concerns regarding Wayne RESA and Oakland ISD proposals to include GSRP program details in charter contracts, which could create funding inconsistencies statewide. Schools are encouraged to stay in contact with MAPSA regarding any developments.

MDE announced that federal Title funds were expected to be released the week of July 28, though schools are cautioned not to rely on these funds long-term, as allocations may decrease in the future.

The state school budget remains under negotiation and may not be finalized until late September.

Key upcoming events include the Board President’s Leadership Retreat on October 16 in Grand Rapids, and school celebrations/socials scheduled for May 4–5 in both Grand Rapids and Detroit. Details on event locations will be shared later this fall.

Grand Valley is also launching Innovation Grants—valued at \$5,000, \$15,000, and \$30,000—to support creative school initiatives. Up to ten grants will be awarded at each level, with full details to be released in September.

Through the *Charter Through College* program in 2024–25, 35 Grand Valley charter schools participated in campus visits with over 1,900 students attending. Among the class of 2025, 515 graduates (40% of charter high school seniors) were admitted to GVSU. In total, \$292,000 in scholarships were awarded to charter scholars enrolling at GVSU, and \$73 million in scholarships were awarded overall to graduates from Grand Valley-authorized high schools.

It was noted that Cornerstone did not meet their compliance requirements for the 24-25 school year, all of Cornerstone districts were under the 85% on time submission threshold for compliance documents in Epicenter.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Next Meeting: October 23, 2025

9) PUBLIC COMMENT (related to non-agenda items)

There was no public comment.

10) MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

The chair, Mortimer, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The above minutes were duly adopted on 10/28/25 by the Lincoln-King Adams-Young Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed meeting held at which a quorum was present.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Dixon", is written over a horizontal line.

Submitted by Michael Dixon, Secretary