Meeting of the Board of Directors
Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Public School Academy
Location: Jefferson-Douglass Academy, 6861 E. Nevada, Detroit, MI 48234

Agenda
May 18, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

1. BUSINESS ROUTINE

a) Call to Order (President) Meeting called to order by Board Member Nelson at 8:01 a.m.

b) Board of Directors Roll Call

Present: Patrick Nelson, Yvette Bing, Marla Thrower, David Felton, Robert Zawideh

Absent: None

Attendees: Clint McDaniel, John Kava, Taiwo Da-Silva, T. Clark Durant (Zoom), Maggie Durant, Joe Valentic, Mary Ann Johnson, Dustin Quarella, Monica Thompson (8:15), Renee Pettengill

c) Adoption of Agenda: **Motion made by Board member Zawideh, seconded by Board member Felton, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

d) Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes: **Board member Nelson moved to approve the March Board Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Board member Thrower, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

e) Pledge of Allegiance

f) Sharing of Gratitude

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to agenda items): None

3. PRESENTATIONS

a) Organizational Update (T. Clark Durant, Maggie Durant):

Maggie gave an update about the upcoming JDA Charter Renewal and MDE. T. Clark gave an update on summer school and operation transition.

b) Academics (Taiwo Da-Silva): Taiwo gave an update on calendar planning starting in the fall and Success For All.

c) Enrollment (Dustin Quarella): Update given by Dustin about enrollment and potential increase.

d) Finance (Joe Valentic): Update given by Joe Valentic

e) Facilities (T. Clark Durant): T. Clark gave an update on lighting upgrades to LED and the cost savings associated with the change. There is a grant that will cover ⅔ of the cost.

4) BOARD POLICY WORK

a) Remaining Board Meeting Dates for 2025-2026 school year. All meetings are at 8 am:
Discussion about next meeting Monday, June 22, 2026

5) ACTION ITEMS

a) Approval of the 2025-2026 Professional Development Advisory Committee members.

Motion made by Board member Nelson, seconded by Board member Zawideh, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.

b) Approval of a request, pursuant to Section 9.2 of the Charter Contract, for an amendment to the Charter Contract with Grand Valley State University to approve and replace the ELA Curriculum listed in Schedule 7-2 and approve Abeka, which is the recommended ELA curriculum proposed by the Board's Management Company, the Cornerstone Education Group, subject to review and approval by GVSU.

Motion made by Board member Nelson, seconded by Board member Thrower, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.

c) Approval of LED Lighting Upgrades bid in the amount not to exceed $142,000, approximately two-thirds of which will be paid with Section 12a funds of the State School Aid Act and the remaining amount to be paid for with general funds, not to exceed $47,400.

Motion made by Board member Nelson, seconded by Board member Zawideh all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.

d) Approval of revision to enrollment seats offered, contingent on meeting the criteria shared. Proposed policy: If we have a waitlist of 20 or more students for the Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 8th grade, we will add an addition section; if K, that means +27 more seats offered in that grade; if 1st, it means +29; if 2nd, 3rd or 4th, it means +30; if 8th grade, it means +31 more seats.

Motion made by Board member Nelson, seconded by Board member Zawideh, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.

6) CONSENT ITEMS: None

7) AUTHORIZER COMMENTS: Authorizer comments shared by Clint McDaniel; Board Member Zawideh and Board Member Thrower recognized for their 5 years of service to the CJDA Board. Patrick Nelson and Robert Zawideh took an oath of office to serve an additional board term.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Next Meeting: June 22, 2026, 8:00 am

9) PUBLIC COMMENT (related to non-agenda items): None

10) MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING: Motion to adjourn made by Board member Felton seconded by Board member Zawideh, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried at 9:11 a.m.