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

Agenda
June 22, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. BUSINESS ROUTINE

a) Call to Order (President): Meeting called to order by Board Member Nelson at 8:05 a.m.

b) Board of Directors Roll Call

Present: Patrick Nelson, Yvette Bing, Robert Zawideh

Absent: Marla Thrower, David Felton

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

c) Adoption of Agenda: **Board member Nelson moved to approve the Meeting Agenda, Seconded by Board member Zawideh, 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 Sturges): Organizational Update (T. Clark Durant, Maggie Durant Sturges): Maggie discussed the board meeting dates for 2026/2027. T. Clark gave an update on Summer School, Launching Pre-K and new Chromebooks.

b) Academics (Taiwo Da-Silva): Presentation given by Superintendent Da-Silva about Benchmark Assessment Data, MDE Partnership and discussed IReady purchase approval.

c) Finance (Joe Valentic)

- Proposed Final Amended Budget FY25-26
- State Aid Note
- Consideration of a motion to recess the regular board meeting and enter the public budget hearing for purposes related to the annual budget process for FY27.

(Close regular session & Open Budget Hearing)

Board Member Nelson motioned to close the regular session at **8:24** and open the Budget Hearing. Board Member Zawideh moved the motion, seconded by Board Member Bing. **All Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

Updates given by John Kava

(Close Budget Hearing & Open the regular session)

Board Member Nelson motioned to close the Budget Hearing and open the regular session at **8:29**. seconded by Board Member Zawideh . **All Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

d) Enrollment (Dustin Quarella): Enrollment (Dustin Quarella): Dustin spoke about growth in enrollment inside and outside of Cornerstone and the benefits of additional enrollment team members.

e) Operations (T. Clark Durant): T. Clark gave updates about Food Service and Technology.

4) BOARD POLICY WORK

a) Board Meeting Dates for 2026-2027 school year. All meetings on Monday's at 8 am:

1. August 10, 2026
2. October 19, 2026
3. January 25, 2027
4. March 15, 2027
5. May 17, 2027
6. June 21, 2027

5) ACTION ITEMS

a) Approval of Curriculum Associates / iReady purchase up to $34,000.00 **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Bing, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

b) Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2026-2027: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Bing, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried Zawideh.**

c) Approval State Aid Note Resolution as presented: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Bing, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried Zawideh.**

d) Approval of 2025-2026 Amended General Fund Budget Resolution: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Bing, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried Zawideh.**

e) Approval of 2025-2026 Amended Food Service Fund Resolution: Food Service Fund Resolution with Variety Food Service effective on July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, with up to four (4) one-year renewals: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Bing, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried Zawideh.**

f) Approval of 2026-2027 Proposed General Fund Budget Resolution: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Bing, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried Zawideh.**

g) Approval of 2026-2027 Food Service Fund Resolution: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Bing, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried Zawideh.**

i) Approval of food service management contract: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Bing, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried Zawideh.**

6) CONSENT ITEMS: None

7) AUTHORIZER COMMENTS: Clint McDanial gave updates about upcoming training, School Aid budget, updates from Lansing and scholarship opportunities.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Next Meeting: August 10, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

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 8:46 a.m.

The above minutes were duly adopted on _____ by the Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed meeting held at which a quorum was present.

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Submitted by Marla Thrower, Secretary