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

Proposed Minutes of the August 10, 2026 Board Meeting

1. BUSINESS ROUTINE

a) Call to Order (President): Meeting called to order by Board Member Nelson at 8:00 a.m.

b) Board of Directors Roll Call

Present: Patrick Nelson,Yvette Bing, David Felton, Robert Zawideh (8:10 a.m.)

Absent: Marla Thrower

Attendees: Clint McDaniel, John Kava, Taiwo Da-Silva, T. Clark Durant, Maggie Durant, Joe Valentic, Dustin Quarella, Elijah Richardson, Renee Pettengill

c) Adoption of Agenda: **Board member Nelson moved to approve the Meeting Agenda, 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 Meeting Agenda, Seconded by Board member Felton, 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): T.Clark gave an update about rent adjustments, GSRP and introduced Kevin Kotzian as our new Director of Facilities. Maggie spoke about Annual Designations for the 26/27 school year.

b) Academics + Athletics (Taiwo Da-Silva, Elijah Richardson): Superintendent Da-Silva gave an update about academic strategies, Student Handbook including attendance, cell phone / wireless

device policy, Employee Handbook and staffing updates. Elijah Richardson gave an update about the MHSAA Resolution and athletic academic standards.
c) Enrollment (Dustin Quarella): Dustin spoke about growth across the network, budget and goal numbers.

d) Finance (Joe Valentic): Joe presented and discussed the Financial Statements.

4) BOARD POLICY WORK

a.) Board Meeting Dates for 2026-2027: All on Mondays at 8:00 a.m.

1. October 19, 2026
2. January 25, 2027
3. March 15, 2027
4. May 17, 2027
5. June 21, 2027 (Annual Budget Hearing & Organizational Meeting)

5) ACTION ITEMS

a) Approval of the 26-27 Student Handbook as presented *removing the sentence from the policy that mentions LKAY and Yondr Pouches*: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Zawideh, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

b) Approval of the 26-27 Employee Handbook: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Zawideh, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

c) Approval of the Wireless Communications Device Policy: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Zawideh, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

d) Approval of MHSAA Resolution as presented: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Zawideh, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

e) Approval of the Athletic Academic Standards as presented: **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Zawideh, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

f) Approval of School Year 2026-2027 Annual Designations as presented:

01. Chief Administrative Officer Designee = Taiwo Da-Silva
02. FOIA Office = Wanesha Daniel
03. Board Legal Counsel = John Kava
04. School Safety Liaison = Kevin Kotzian
05. Board President = Patrick Nelson
06. Board Vice President = Yvette Bing
07. Board Secretary = Marla Thrower
08. Board Treasurer = Bob Zawideh : **Board member Nelson moved to approve, Seconded by Board member Zawideh, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.**

6) CONSENT ITEMS

a) **None**

7) AUTHORIZER COMMENTS: Updates given by Clint McDaniel about the 2026-27 Master Calendar of Reporting Requirements, State Budget, upcoming webinars, sale of Detroit Center and DEISS adding staff.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Next Meeting: October 19, 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 Nelson seconded by Board member Felton, all Board members present voted yes, Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried at 9:01 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