



GERALD DAWKINS ACADEMY

April 25, 2025 – 10:00 am
Gerald Dawkins Academy
1050 Fisk Road SE
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507

Board Meeting Minutes

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.
- II. **ROLL CALL**
Board Members Present: Mr. Jerry McComb, Reverend Jerry Bishop, Ms. Melisha Reid Roberts, Mr. Brian Cloyd, Dr. Andrea Smith
Center for Sound Literacy: Mrs. Teresa Weatherall Neal, Mr. John Kennedy (virtual), Mrs. Nancy Kennedy, and Ms. Angela O'Brien
GVSU Charter Schools Office: Mrs. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon
Gerald Dawkins Academy: Mr. Lacey James
Veritas: Ms. Kelley Davis (virtual)
General Public: Mr. Joe Jones
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY** – There was no public comment.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Andrea Smith made a motion to approve the April 25 agenda and Brian Cloyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **PRINCIPAL UPDATE** – Lacey James presented the principal update and answered the board members' questions.
- VI. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. Financial Update – Kelley Davis presented the monthly financial update and answered the board members' questions.
 - b. 2025-2026 Board Meeting Calendar – Angela O'Brien re-presented the board meeting calendar and discussed potential conflicts.
 - c. 2025-2026 School Year Calendar – Angela O'Brien presented the school year calendar and indicated it was very similar to the 2024-2025 calendar.
- VII. **AUTHORIZERS COMMENTS**
 - a. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon told the board members about the Charter Schools Office's celebration on May 5 at Bissell Tree House and encouraged board members to attend.
 - b. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon reviewed the school's compliance report from Epicenter and outlined the board members' attendance and participation in trainings.
 - c. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon indicated Pastor Bishop and Brian Cloyd's reappointments went before the GVSU Board of Trustees on April 25. Assuming their reappointments are approved, their new oath of office will take place at the May 13 board meeting.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of March 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Jerry Bishop made a motion to approve the March 4 meeting minutes and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of 2025-2026 Board Meeting Calendar – Andrea Smith made a motion to approve the board meeting calendar and Jerry Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Approval of 2025-2026 School Year Calendar – Jerry Bishop made a motion to approve the school year calendar and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 @ 10:00 am
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1050 Fisk Road, SE
Grand Rapids, MI

Andrea Smith
5/13/25