

# Board Meeting Minutes

## W-A-Y Academy Detroit

### (Regular Board Meeting)

Date: March 17th, 2026

#### 1. Attendance

##### Board Members Present:

- Michael Murray (Wayne County) - *Present via Zoom*
- Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din (Wayne County)
- Danielle Bascomb (Wayne County)
- Sheila Flanagan (Wayne County)
- Patricia Moesner (Wayne County)

##### Others Present:

- Madeline Black
- Cameron Nichols
- Sherry Lynem
- Marilyn Galan

Meeting called to order by Laura Chavez at 6:07 pm

#### II. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda by Sheila Flanagan / 2nd Danielle Bascomb
  - **Roll Call Vote:** Patricia Moesner (Y), Laura Chavez (Y), Danielle Bascomb (Y), Sheila Flanagan (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

#### III. Call to the Public

NONE

#### IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
  - Motion to approve by Patricia Moesner / 2nd Danielle Bascomb
    - **Roll Call Vote:** Patricia Moesner (Y), Laura Chavez (Y), Danielle Bascomb (Y), Sheila Flanagan (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

#### V. Correspondence

NONE

#### VI. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report (*Dr. Garnet Green*): *Absent*

*No updates at this time*

#### VII. Educational Service Provider's Report / Superintendent Report / Director's Report *ESP Report / Superintendent Report (Mr. Isaiah Pettway): Absent*

***ESP Report /Directors Report (Mr. Cameron Nichols):***

- The Count period was completed successfully.
- WAY Detroit has earned over 100 credits during the month.
- A winner was selected at each campus for the February Credit Challenge; each winner received a \$100 Visa card.
  - Eligibility criteria included: earning at least 0.5 credits in February, completing NWEA testing in both Math and Reading, and maintaining perfect attendance.
  - Students who earned 1 or more credits but did not meet one of the other criteria items were still included in the drawing.
- Robotics teams competed this week and performed well; they are currently seeking sponsors.
- Spring testing will begin immediately following Spring Break.
- Four students graduated this month from our Southwest Campus.
- Open enrollment will begin in April, with interviews for new families scheduled to take place after Spring Testing.

**VIII. Old Business**

- A. Discussion Items:  
NONE
- B. Action Items:  
NONE

**IX. New Business**

- A. Discussion Items:

**1. Strategic Planning Session**

- Board Member, Sheila Flanagan stated that planning efforts have been tabled at this time; additional updates will be provided soon.

**2. School Improvement Committee**

- Director Nichols had no updates at this time.

**3. Career Day Committee**

- Board Member Patricia Moesner reminded the Board of the goal of securing one to two guests this month for the Career Day. She also asked if they could recruit two guests next month.
- Board President Michael Murray emphasized the importance of including skilled trades representation and suggested inviting a mechanic.
- President Murray inquired about an Open House at the new school building; Director Nichols confirmed that an event is planned for mid-August, with the exact date to be determined.

#### 4. New Lease Update

- Director Nichols spoke on the new premises and invited the board members for a tour after today's board meeting.
- Plans to move in are scheduled for July.
- The WAY Program business offices will move into the new location after the school has moved in and is established.

#### 5. Audit Engagement Letter

- Board members noted that they reviewed the Audit Engagement Letter that was included in their board packets.

#### B. Action Items:

##### 1. Approve Audit Engagement Letter

- Motion moved by Danielle Bascomb / 2nd Sheila Flanagan
- **Roll Call Vote:** Patricia Moesner (Y), Laura Chavez (Y), Danielle Bascomb (Y), Sheila Flanagan (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

### X. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

#### Finance Committee: *Mrs. Sherry Lynem*

##### A. Discussion Items

##### 1. February 2026 Financial Statements:

- State Aid Payment Received: \$ 222,781.64
- Wayne RESA: \$59,580.79
- State of MI: \$24,910.05
- Miscellaneous Income: \$3,794.73
- Payables as of February 2026: \$65,531.90
- Payroll Liabilities (3/6, 3/20 & HC): \$102,532.23
- Request for transfer in the amount of: \$168,064.13

##### B. Action Items:

##### Motion Approval of the February Financial Statements

- Moved by Patricia Moesner / 2nd Danielle Bascomb
  - **Roll Call Vote:** Patricia Moesner (Y), Laura Chavez (Y), Danielle Bascomb (Y), Sheila Flanagan (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

### XI. Announcements

- Board Member Laura Chavez announced that she is serving as Chairperson for this year's Fiesta, which will take place during the weekend of the Cinco de Mayo Parade and Fiesta. She noted that the Mexican Patriotic Committee of Detroit is currently seeking volunteers.
- Board Member Chavez provided an update on an Endowment Fund initiative, describing it as a pathway to university opportunities for many students in Southwest Detroit.
- She shared that the current director will be stepping down and that she has been named Chairperson of the Alumni Association.

- This marks the establishment of the first alumni association for the 56-year program, with efforts underway to create the first endowment for the center.
- The fundraising goal is \$25,000.
- A recent fundraiser was held last month, with another scheduled for April 11 at 5:00 PM, featuring a Southwest Lotería event (\$100 per card) and prizes such as restaurant gift cards, Keurig machines, and E & L donated some things.
- She emphasized that this initiative is an opportunity to build a lasting legacy for students and noted that while the program primarily serves Southwest Detroit, it is made up of students from Western International High School, Cristo Rey and Cesar Chavez Academy High School.
- Board Member Chavez encouraged attendance at an upcoming technology-focused event taking place on Saturday, noting that she will serve as a moderator.
- She described the event as a valuable opportunity and referenced the growth and success of Black Tech Saturdays as a model, noting its expansion, increased traction, and funding.
- Board Member Chavez shared that similar efforts are being explored to create opportunities for Latino communities in Michigan, while emphasizing that participation is open to all individuals regardless of background.
- She added that the event would be a beneficial opportunity for members of our Robotics team, if available to attend.

## **XII. Call to the Public**

- No public comments were made.


## **XIII. Adjournment**

- Motion to Adjourn moved by Danielle Bascomb/ 2nd Patricia Moesner
  - **Roll Call Vote:** Patricia Moesner (Y), Laura Chavez (Y), Danielle Bascomb (Y), Sheila Flanagan (Y) Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm

**Minutes submitted by:** Marilyn Galan

**Minutes Certification:**

Approved minutes of March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting respectfully  
submitted,

  
[Sherry Flanagan \(Apr 28, 2026 19:03:51 EDT\)](#)

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Board Secretary

Apr 28, 2026

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Date





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