

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Detroit

(Regular Board Meeting)

Date: November 18th, 2025

1. Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Michael Murray (Wayne County)
- Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din (Wayne County)
- Danielle Bascomb (Wayne County) - Absent
- Sheila Flanagan (Wayne County)
- Patricia Moesner (Wayne County) - Absent

Others Present:

- Isaiah Pettway
- Trena Braswell
- Cameron Nichols
- Sherry Lynem
- Marilyn Galan
- Jay Wilde - *Allen C. Young, LLC.* (via Zoom)

Meeting called to order by Michael Murray at 6:01pm

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Call to the Public

- No public comments were made.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Motion to approve by Laura Chavez / 2nd Sheila Flanagan
 - **Roll Call Vote:** Michael Murray (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y).Motion carries.

V. 2024-25 Annual Fiscal Audit Presentation - Jay Wilde (*Allen C. Young, LLC.*)

Mr. Young shared a slide presentation and he explained the following:

- The Allen C. Young, LLC has issued an unmodified opinion on the Academy's FY 2025 financial statements.
- The Academy's assets increased and liabilities decreased.
- As of June 30, 2025, the Academy is in a solid financial position.
- No weaknesses or significant deficiencies were noted in the 2025 audit.

A. Vote to Receive 2024-25 Fiscal Audit

- Motion to receive 2024-25 Fiscal Audit by Laura Chavez / 2nd Sheila Flanagan
Roll Call Vote: Michael Murray (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y).
Motion carries.

VI. Correspondence

- A. NONE

VII. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report - NONE

VIII. Educational Service Provider's Report / Superintendent Report / Director's Report

ESP Report / Superintendent Report (Superintendent Pettway):

- The Consolidated Grants application has a retroactive date of July 1, and we are in a good position regarding this process.
- We continue to explore ways to support families experiencing challenges related to ICE activities.
- A budget amendment will be presented in January.
- The Academy will be in search of a new Special Services Teacher at our West campus due to the unexpected passing of the current Special Education teacher. The school building will be closed on Thursday to allow staff and students the opportunity to attend services if they choose.

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

- Updates for both campuses are included in the board packet and a request was made that the Board review the data provided.
- He highlighted the impact of the recent passing of the Special Education teacher on the school community.
- He explained that the Social-Emotional Counselor has been in contact with the teacher's family, as well as with staff and students, to offer support.

IX. Old Business

- A. Discussion Items: NONE

- B. Action Items: NONE

X. New Business

- A. Discussion Items

1. Strategic Planning Session

- Board Member Flanagan stated that all Board members will conduct a final review of the strategic plan in preparation for its official adoption in December.
- Director Nichols reported on meeting with Dr. English and noted that index scores have been released; these will be reviewed and discussed.

2. School Improvement Committee

- President Murphy reported that a tour was conducted of the two potential locations for the relocation of our West campus and inquired about the next steps to begin negotiations.
- Superintendent Pettway explained that a vote of confidence is required before Director Braswell can initiate negotiations.
 - Motion to allow Mrs. Trena Braswell to begin negotiations the new location moved by Laura Chavez / 2nd Sheila Flanagan
Roll Call Vote: Michael Murray (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y). Motion carries.

3. Career Day Committee - POSTPONED

4. 31aa Waiver

- Superintendent Pettway provided information on the matter, noting that it concerns a catastrophe waiver.
- He reported that the Academy has been advised to opt out of the grant and that no Board action is required at this time.

XI. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

A. Discussion Items

1. October 2025 Financial Statements:

- State Aid Payment Received: \$222,603.51
- Miscellaneous: \$434.00
- Wayne Resa: \$11,982.95
- Payables as of September 2025: \$70,897.33
- Payroll Liabilities (11/14, 11/28, HC): \$88,224.82
- Request for transfer in the amount of: \$159,122.15

B. Action Items:

Motion Approval of the October Financial Statements

- Moved by Laura Chavez / 2nd Sheila Flanagan
Roll Call Vote: Michael Murray (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y). Motion carries.

XII. Announcements

- President Murphy asked the Board to be more diligent in responding to emails and messages in a timely manner.
- He talked about a possible Board Retreat (Saturday and Sunday) in February.

XIII. Call to the Public

- No public comments were made.


XIV. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn moved by Laura Chavez / 2nd Sheila Flanagan
Roll Call Vote: Michael Murray (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y). Motion carries.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of November 18th, 2025 Regular Meeting respectfully
submitted,


Sherry Hanagan (Dec 16, 2025 14:23:15 EST)

Board Secretary

Dec 16, 2025

Date





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Final Audit Report

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