



# YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

3410 Laird Ave.

Kalamazoo, MI 49008

July 8, 2025, immediately following the Annual Organizational Meeting

## AGENDA

### I. Call to Order Regular Meeting

- A. Meeting called to order at 5:54 p.m.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Roll Call

- A. Members present: Brennan, Brown, Mixis, Mora
- B. Dr. Amanda Magnuson (EPI), Stacey Smith (Director), Mindy Miller (KRESA), Nicole Kalmbach (KRESA)

### IV. Approval of Agenda

- A. Motion to approve the agenda Brennan, seconded by Brown.
  - a. Voice vote passed unanimously.

### V. Public Comment — (five minute maximum)

- A. No public comment

### VI. Approval of Minutes

- A. June Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve June budget hearing minutes made by Brennan, seconded by Brown.
    - i. Voice vote passed unanimously
- B. June Regular Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve June regular meeting minutes made by Brennan, seconded by Brown.
    - i. Voice vote passed unanimously

### VII. Communications

- A. Kalamazoo RESA Monitoring Report (Nicole Kalmbach)
  - a. Nicole presented the information contained in the Kalamazoo RESA Board of Education Monitoring Report of Youth Advancement Academy for June 2025.
  - b. Results of monitoring YAA's progress toward the educational goals of YAA as outlined in its charter contract.
  - c. Continuous Improvement Monitoring showed that YAA staff had success in improving attendance and moved on to bringing SEL instruction to the day in a more significant manner. The staff will develop a goal for 2025-2026.
  - d. New expectations for instructional success were put into place to increase rigor.
  - e. As of May, YAA had 83 students come through the program.

#### B. Management Update

- a. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board on a meeting with Dr. Siade from Kalamazoo Public Schools regarding the MoU to clarify a few items.
- b. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board on Kalamazoo RESA voting on adding 6th grade. That should happen this month.
- c. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board on initial steps of the audit beginning.

#### C. Director's Report

- a) No student of the month for June as school is out.
- b) No staff member of the month as school is out.
- c) Next event will be an open house for enrollments on August 21st 4-6:30 p.m.
- d) Updated board on staffing changes and roles, expected to be fully staffed to start the 2025-2026 school year.
- e) Director Smith will be visiting other schools and local businesses to create dialogue, enhance partnerships, and getting visibility to the public of YAA; Team has decided to have detention for 30 minutes after school to try and stem some student behavior to decrease students serving a suspension.
- f) Director is working with KRESA to arrange Mobile CTE visits and is investigating work-based learning for students.
- g) To further promote the school, the Director is reaching out to companies to sponsor the school, in exchange for promoting their company on banners, jackets, signs, and banners.
- h) No camera access requires a staff member to go to the door to see who is wanting access to the building, has reached out to the Head of Technology, Ian Haight, on June 30.

#### VIII. Regular Agenda

##### A. June 2025 Financial Report

- a. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board on the financials for the month of June and reconciliation detail; no major or out of the ordinary revenues/expenses for June.

##### . Public Comment: (non-agenda items)

A. None

##### I. Board Comments

A. None

##### II. Adjournment

##### A. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Brown, seconded by Mixis.

- a. Voice vote passed unanimously
  - i. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2025 @ 5:30pm (Oakwood Elementary)

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