

W-A-Y Academy Flint
Rescheduled Board Meeting
Date: March 16th, 2026

Members Present:

- Stephen L. Murphy
- Venetta Watt Tucker
- Sanford J. Edwards III
- L. Deon Williams

Others Present:

- Trena Braswell
- Ronda Carter
- Sherry Lynem (Via Zoom)
- Melissa Weisberger
- Marilyn Galan (Via Zoom)

I. Meeting Called to Order - Roll Call

- Time: 6:46 pm

Roll Call Attendance:

- Stephen L. Murphy (Genesee County) - Late
- L. Deon Williams (Genesee County) – Present
- Venetta Watt Tucker (Genesee County) - Present
- Sanford J. Edwards III (Genesee County) - Present

II. Board Development - *Mrs. Sherry Lynem*

- Requested board approval to defer this item to the next meeting.
- Note that during preparation of the board packet that a budget amendment is required.
- Explained that several grant allocations are not yet finalized, impacting the accuracy of current financial figures.
- Stated the preference to present a more accurate and complete financial report for clearer monthly review.
- Indicated that postponement would provide more meaningful and reliable financial data for the board.
- Board members agreed to defer the presentation to the next scheduled meeting.

III. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion: Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) / 2nd Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
 - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
 - L. Deon Williams (Y)
- Motion carries.

IV. Call to the Public

- Public Comment: NONE

V. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the February 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) / 2nd Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
 - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
 - L. Deon Williams (Y)
- Motion carries.

VI. Correspondence

A. NONE

VII. Old Business

A. NONE

VIII. ESP Report / Director's Report

ESP Report (Mrs. Trena Braswell on behalf of Superintendent Pettway)

- Confirmed that all grant funds have been received.
- Reported that efforts are underway to extend and finalize the contract with the Flint Cultural Center; the agreement will be presented to the board at the next meeting.
- Shared that additional support is being secured for Special Education to assist the Mrs. Ronda Carter, Interim Director; a candidate for a part-time Special Education Teacher position has been interviewed and is currently completing fingerprinting.
- Noted that Taylor has been providing additional support to Special Education students.

Director Report (Mrs. Ronda Carter):

- Reported a decrease in enrollment of two students; both students transferred to the our WAY-MI campus.

- Noted that the majority of enrolled students continue to be in the 9th and 10th grade levels.
- Shared that credit attainment significantly increased in February, with students earning a total of 51.74 credits.
- Highlighted that 12th-grade students earned the highest number of credits, with an average of 1.09 credits per student, reflecting efforts toward graduation.
- Stated that the recent parent-teacher meeting was successful, with 12 parents and 9 students in attendance.
- Confirmed that 100% of students were accounted for during the Spring Count Period.

IX. New Business

A. Approval of Audit Engagement Letter

Mrs. Sherry Lynem explained that this is an annual, standard form presented for board approval to engage an auditing firm to conduct the organization's yearly audit. This approval is required by our authorizer and must be submitted by March 31. The auditing firm utilized over the past three years is Alan C. Young and is recommended for continued services; however, formal board approval is required to proceed.

- Motion to Approve Audit Engagement Letter moved by L. Deon Williams (Y) / 2nd Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Roll call Vote:
 - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
 - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
 - L. Deon Williams (Y)
 - Stephen L. Murphy (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 - \$104,894.50
- State of Michigan - \$7,179.64
- GISD - \$1,131.62
- Monies Transferred in February 2026 - \$74,134.14
- Accounts Payables as of February 2026 - \$44,741.05
- Payroll Liabilities (2/6, 2/20, 1/30, Healthcare) - \$39,856.47
- Request for transfer in the amount of - \$84,597.52

B. Action Items:

1. Approval of February 2026 Financial Statements:

- Motion to Approve February 2026 Financial Statements moved by L. Deon Williams (Y) / 2nd Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
 - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
 - L. Deon Williams (Y)
 - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
- Motion carries.

XI. LSSU Authorizer's Report - *Ms. Melissa Weisberger*

- Announced that Charter Day will be held on April 22 in Lansing, Michigan.
- Notified the board that the University's Administrative Retreat is scheduled for July 21–22 in Bay City, Michigan.
- Confirmed that all required paperwork and nominations have been completed by Board Members Venetta Watt Tucker and Sanford J. Edwards III; these will be presented to the Board of Trustees in June.
- Encouraged continued efforts to identify and recruit a fifth board member and noted that the Vice President position is currently vacant.

XII. Call to the Public:

- Public Comment: None

XIII. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn Moved by Sanford J. Edwards III (Y) / 2nd L. Deon Williams (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
 - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
 - L. Deon Williams (Y)
 - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
- Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of ___June 18, 2024_____ Regular Meeting

respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary

Date