



OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 15, 2026 New Century Academy

Board Members:

- Present: Kelsey Dolge, Heather Finnell, Traci Schutz
- Absent: Scott Palesotti, Anne LeClaire (except as noted below)

Others Present:

Jason Becker
Eric from NEO

Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Finnell
- Additions / Changes to agenda
 - Add to action items (e) approve loan renewal with 22Beacon
 - Motion carried via roll call, except for Anne LeClaire who was absent.
- Recognize visitors
 - Eric from NEO (the school's authorizer)
- Approval of Agenda
 - A motion was made by Dolge, seconded by Finnell, to approve the agenda as amended.
 - Motion carried via roll call, except for Anne LeClaire who was absent.
- Public Input
 - none
- Consent Agenda
 - A motion was made by Schutz, seconded by Dolge, to approve the consent agenda, which included approval of March Board Meeting Minutes, and License Monitoring.
 - Motion carried via roll call, except for Anne LeClaire who was absent.
- School Board Training –
 - None
- Anne LeClaire joined the board meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Discussion Items:

- Finance Committee Report – Dustin Reeves from Creative Planning
 - Reviewed March financials.
 - Original Budget ADM: 90.00. Original Budget Pupil Units: 107.40
 - Revised budget ADM 105. Revised Budget WADM: 125.20.
 - Actual ADM as of period end 107.12. Actual Pupil Units as of period end: 127.61
 - Cash balance at the end of March was \$156,794
 - 2024-2025 estimate from MDE is \$3,808, which will be paid in April
 - Current year state receivable estimate is \$342,983 which will be paid out in August, September, October 2026.

- Policy Committee –Schutz
 - 1st Reading – NCA Policy 920 Post Secondary Enrollment Options.
 - 2nd Reading – NCA Policy 420 Students and Employees With Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases and Certain Other Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions
 - 2nd Reading – NCA Policy 501 School Weapons
 - 2nd Reading – NCA Policy 709 Student Transportation Safety
 - 2nd Reading – NCA Policy 806 Crisis Management
 - 3rd Reading – NCA Policy 103 Complaints: Students, Employees, Parents and Other Persons
 - 3rd Reading – NCA Policy 206: Public Participation in School Board Meeting / Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations
 - 3rd Reading – NCA Policy 404: Employment Background Checks
- Marketing / PR – Dolge
 - A group of students who have the tag name “Swagsters” on TikTok are still posting fun videos promoting NCA life. NCA Youth Leadership met with community leaders. Students were very professional and the feedback was very positive. Some student led projects include: making lefse, building dog houses, and a research project for presentation in order to educate others on antisemitism.
- Strategic Planning – Entire board
 - Next meeting to be held in June.
- Director Report – Becker
 - Planning meetings with staff for feedback in order to plan for next year.
 - In the process of revising the budget for 2027 with creative planning. The loan renewals and increase in interest rates are going to be a challenge.
 - Reviewed NWA report with the board.
 - NCA Annual Board Meeting will be held during Family Night on Friday, April 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. An election will be held to fill the parent board member position, of which there is an opening.
- Chairperson Report - Finnell
 - Nothing to report

Action Items:

- Approve March Financials.
 - A motion was made by Schutz, seconded by Dolge, to approve March financials.
 - Motion carried via roll call.
- Approve Policy 103 Complaints – Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons
 - A motion was made by Finnell, seconded by Schutz, to approve NCA Policy 103: Complaints – Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons.
 - Motion carried via roll call.
- Approve Policy 206 Participation in School Board Meetings / Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations.
 - A motion was made by Dolge, seconded by Finnell to approve NCA Policy 206: Participation in School Board Meetings / Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations.
 - Motion carried via roll call.
- Approve Policy 404 Employment Background Checks
 - A motion was made by Schutz, seconded by Dolge to approve NCA Policy 404: Employment Background Checks
 - Motion carried via roll call.

- Approve loan renewal with 22Beacon.
 - A motion was made by Schutz, seconded by Dolge to approve the loan renewal with 22Beacon.
 - Motion carried via roll call.

Adjourn Meeting

- A motion was made by Schutz, seconded by Dolge, to adjourn the meeting.
- Motion carried via roll call.
- Time of adjournment 6:37 p.m.