

Kalamazoo Covenant Academy

Board of Directors

Date: August 13th, 2025
Time: 12:00 PM
Location: 400 Crosstown Pkwy, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Casey Alger, President	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Marc Schupan, Vice President	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Dr. Luchara Wallace, Secretary	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Dr. Sandy Standish, Treasurer	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Jason Luke, Member	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Sara Amy, Member	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Marcus Kole, Member	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent

Other Attendees:

Kares Johnson, KCA School Leader	Ross Keilen, KCA Legal Counsel
Dr. Matt Cawood, GVSU	Laurel Capobianco, ReImagine
Andrew Hulbert, ReImagine	Charlie Carver, ReImagine
Ben Hoppe, ReImagine	Laura Carpenter, CS Partners

C. Mission Statement: The Kalamazoo Covenant Academy (KCA) provides disengaged, dropout youth, ages 15-22 years, hope and the opportunity to earn their high school diploma. KCA believes that all students are valuable members of our community. KCA students will be guided by a caring, compassionate staff that will provide students with an academic foundation guiding them to post-secondary careers, training and college. KCA believes providing this foundation for our youth will prevent youth homelessness and incarceration. This will be done with absolute respect and unconditional love while offering hope and encouragement to all students.

D. Public Comment on Agenda (agenda items only, reserved for three minutes per person)

E. Approval of Agenda (August, 13, 2025)

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

F. Approval/Acceptance of Standard Business

a. Approval of July 2, 2025, Board Meeting minutes:

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

b. School Report (Kares Johnson)

This is a meeting of the Board of Directors, held in public, for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business, and is not to be considered a public community meeting. A time for public participation during the meeting is indicated in the agenda.

- i. Enrollment, Retention & Mission Accomplishments
- ii. Academic Progress Update
- c. **Financial Update (Andrew Hulbert)**
- d. **ReImagine Update (Laurel Capobianco)**
- e. **GVSU Update (Dr. Matt Cawood)**
- f. **Legal Update (Ross Keilen)**

G. Old Business

H. New Business

- a. Approval of the KCA amended Schedules 7-1 Academic Goals and 7-3 Job Descriptions of the KCA/GVSU Charter Contract Amendment.
 Motion: _____ Second: _____
 Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____
- b. Approval to amend the Academy Articles of Incorporation to change the name of the Academy from Kalamazoo Covenant Academy to Kalamazoo Prep Academy, subject to formal approval of the GVSU Board of Trustees.
 Motion: _____ Second: _____
 Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____
- c. Approval of giving KCA School Leader, Kares Johnson, permission to hire a new Security Company. The cost must be under \$5,000 a month.
 Motion: _____ Second: _____
 Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____
- d. Approval of the updated KCA Student Handbook.
 Motion: _____ Second: _____
 Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____
- e. Approval of the updated KCA Employee Handbook.
 Motion: _____ Second: _____
 Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

I. Discussion

J. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

K. Reminder for Next Board Meeting:

Board Meeting: September 17, 2025 @ 11:00am

L. Adjournment

Motion: _____ Second: _____
 Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____