

Kalamazoo Prep Academy

Board of Directors

Date: December 10, 2025
Time: 12noon - 1:30pm
Location: Kalamazoo Prep Academy (formerly known as Kalamazoo Covenant Academy)
400 West Crosstown Pkwy
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order 12:03 pm

Roll Call

Casey Alger, President	xPresent	oAbsent
Marc Schupan, Vice President	xPresent	oAbsent
Dr. Luchara Wallace, Secretary	xPresent	oAbsent
Dr. Sandy Standish, Treasurer	xPresent	oAbsent
Sara Amy, Member	xPresent	oAbsent
Marcus Kole, Member	xPresent	oAbsent

Other Attendees:

Laurel Capobianco, RE	Dr. Matt Cawood, GVSU
Andrew Hulbert, RE	Virginia Leser, RE
Sherrie Schanzenbaker, KPA	Eric Adams, KPA
Ben Hoppe, RE	

Mission Statement: The Kalamazoo Prep Academy (KPA) provides disengaged, dropout youth, ages 15-22 years, hope and the opportunity to earn their high school diploma. KPA believes that all students are valuable members of our community. KPA 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. KPA 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.

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

Approval of Agenda (Dec 10, 2025)

Motion: Sandy Second: Luchara
Ayes: 6 Opposed: 0

Approval/Acceptance of Standard Business

- o **Approval of Oct 10, 2025, Board Meeting [minutes](#)**

Motion: Sandy Second: Marcus
Ayes: 6 Opposed: 0

- **School Report (Sherrie Schanzenbaker)**
 - Introduction of New Staff & Staff Org Chart
 - Calvin Winfield-new Mission Coach
 - Matt Rische-Lead Special Ed-resigned
 - Staff openings: Lead Special Ed, Van driver
 - New Org chart in place: [Attached](#)
 - Enrollment, Retention & Mission Accomplishments
 - Peak enrollment: 234 students
 - Current enrollment: 203
 - Dropped or Transfer: 52
 - Graduated Students:2
 - Average Daily Attendance:42
 - 2 new Chauffeurs License
 - New (donated) van in place
 - GVSU Renewal visit
 - Annual title 1 parent meeting
 - Curriculum Presentation
 - Academic Progress Update
 - Term 2-102 credits
 - Cumulative: 134
 - Looking into Subject & Edmentum for next school year
 - Update on Kares' Health
 - Doing well, returning to position January 5, 2026
- **Financial Update (Andrew Hulbert)**
 - Presentation from Brian McFarren, Brickley DeLong, Audit Partner
 - Audit in good order
 - November ([Amended Budget](#))
- **Reimagine Update (Laurel Capobianco)**
 - Task force in place KPA & Reimagine
 - Strength
 - Weaknesses
 - Opportunities
 - Threats
 - Scorecards completed by winter break assist with overall big picture throughout the school year
 - External community conversations
- **Reimagine Update (Ben Hoppe)**
 - KPA Branding: January 5, 2026
 - Mascot-Skyhawks
 - Brand Identity rolled out to staff
 - Protocol use for synchrony
- **GVSU Update (Dr. Matthew Cawood)**
 - The meeting with GVSU went well.
- **Legal Update (Ross Keilen-absent) Casey & Drew**
 - Policies Review (from Sept 17 Board Meeting)

- Section 31aa Funding
 - Opting in at this time
 - Waiting on ruling for commitment

New Business

- Approval of Kalamazoo Prep Academy New Mission Statement:

“KPA empowers students to reclaim their education by offering flexible, personalized pathways that meet students where they are, preparing them for graduation and future success.”

Motion: Mark
Ayes: 6

Second: Marcus
Opposed: 0

- Approval of Kalamazoo Prep Academy New Logo and Mascot

Motion: Marcus
Ayes: 6

Second: Sara
Opposed: 0

- Approval of 25-26 Amended Budget

Motion: Luchara
Ayes: 5

Second: Sandy
Opposed: 1

- Approval of appointment of Erin Dominianni to the KPA Board of Directors, effective upon confirmation by the GVSU Board of Trustees

Motion: Luchara
Ayes: 5

Second: Sandy
Opposed: 1

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- None

Discussion

- Campus Exterior Grounds Update (Casey/Drew)
- External (community) stakeholder meetings (Laurel)

Reminder for Next Board Meeting: February 18, 2026, 12noon

Adjournment:

Motion: Sandy
Ayes: 6

Second: Marcus
Opposed: 0

Dr. Luchara Wallace

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