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Location: 2001 W. Warren Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48208

Regular Board Meeting Approved Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2026

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by	Paul DeAngelis
Time called to order	6:01 p.m.
Meeting Type:	
☑ Regular	
☐ Special	
☐ Organizational	
☐ Emergency	

II. Roll Call

Board Member	Role	Present	Absent
Paul DeAngelis	Board President	X	
Dr. Jamii Hitchcock	Vice President	X	
Naomi Khalil	Secretary	X	
Dan Murray	Treasurer	X	
Dr. JoAnn Andrees	Member	X	
Quorum: ☑ Yes ☐ No			

Others Present

Name	Role/Organization
Karen Pond	GPS Solutions, LLC, Board Recording Secretary
Jeanette Woodard	GPS Solutions, LLC
Shannon Van Lente	Executive Director
Lauren Agee	Director of Special Services
Courtney Tenbosch	Graduation Alliance
Marisa Cardinalli	Student Success Coordinator
Jazmin Lambert	Student Success Coordinator
Michelle Schmitt (virtual)	Graduation Alliance
David Heidtman (virtual)	EdOps

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III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented		Dr. JoAnn Andrees
Seconded the motion		Naomi Khalil
Number of Ayes	**Number of Nays**	**Number of Abstentions**
5	0	0
Motion passed ☑ Yes ☐ No		
Comments None.		

IV. Public Comment (agenda items only)*

Key Highlights	None.

V. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of August 3, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Proposed Minutes

Motion to approve the August 3, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Proposed Minutes		Dr. JoAnn Andrees
Seconded the motion		Dr. Jamii Hitchcock
Number of Ayes	**Number of Nays**	**Number of Abstentions**
5	0	0
Motion passed ☑ Yes ☐ No		
Comments None.		

VI. Board Development

Report Summary	Upcoming Board training opportunities were discussed. Paul DeAngelis indicated that he plans to attend an upcoming training.

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VII. Financials

a. Accept the July Financial Report

Motion to accept the July Financial Report		Naomi Khalil
Seconded the motion		Dr. Jamii Hitchcock
Number of Ayes	**Number of Nays**	**Number of Abstentions**
5	0	0
Motion passed ☑ Yes ☐ No		

David Heidtman presented the July 2026 financial report:

- Current monthly enrollment is 11% above the level originally budgeted for this point in the year.
- Because the fiscal year is only one month underway, revenue and expense forecasts have not yet been revised from budget. The current forecast remains approximately $9.1 million in revenue and $9.1 million in expenses, with projected net income of approximately $30,000 and a 0.3% gross margin.
- The Academy is projected to end the year with a fund balance of approximately $45,484. Year-end cash is forecast at approximately $50,000, representing the accumulated 1% Board set-aside amounts through the year.
- Following the positive FY26 ending fund balance, the Academy is expected to exit the deficit elimination plan. David Heidtman noted that this will become official after the fiscal audit is complete.
- Federal grant drawdowns will begin after grants are approved. The Consolidated Application has been submitted, but final allocations are not yet known.
- The fiscal audit is nearly complete and was reported to be progressing well. The Board asked whether there were any significant changes from the August report; enrollment remains ahead of budget and on track.
- A 2017 date typo in the EdOps materials was identified for correction.

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VIII. Items from Administration

School Report	The following was reported: • Shannon Van Lente presented the updated School Report. As of August 31, 2026, the Academy reported 995 students, 75 pending students, 694 completed courses, and an overall Credit Earned Ratio (CER) of 0.37. • Spring assessment results remained low, particularly in mathematics: 4.2% of PSAT 8/9 students, 4.0% of PSAT 10 students, and 0.0% of SAT students met the reported math benchmark. The Board asked whether dedicated test preparation had been used; administration indicated that it had not and discussed stronger preparation and student supports for the current school year. • Lauren Agee reviewed Exceptional Student Education (ESE) and English Learner (EL) data. The updated report reflected 266 active ESE students, approximately 27% of total enrollment, and 19 active EL students. The reported CER was 0.31 for ESE students and 0.32 for EL students. Administration also reported continued focus on compliant caseloads, improved documentation, and targeted student engagement. • Administration reported that teachers are being hired as needed and that the Academy is working closely with Wayne RESA. • July enrollment included 80 students; 22% were ESE students and 5% were EL students. Residency data reflected approximately 70% out-of-district and 30% in-district students. Overall enrollment distribution in the updated report reflected 653 out-of-district students and 342 in-district students. • The Board asked about the higher percentage of out-of-district students and current outreach strategies. Administration cited strong marketing and social media outreach. The Board also discussed DPSCD student lists, students experiencing homelessness, and requested information regarding the schools students attended previously. • July withdrawals totaled 67: 8 returned to school, 3 were student-initiated, and 56 were for lack of academic progress. Of the withdrawals, 17 were ESE students and 4 were EL students. The updated report separately reflected 12 July graduates, including 3 ESE students and 1 EL student. • Administration confirmed that there is not a December graduation. Back-to-School Night is scheduled for September 15, 2026, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., and Board members were invited to attend.

IX. Correspondence

Key Highlights	None.

X. Old Business

a. Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Key Highlights	Paul DeAngelis reported that he had not yet received a response from legal counsel regarding the conflict-of-interest question raised. Board members should proceed with completing the document and submit to Karen Pond via email.

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Notice of Certification by Recording Secretary

Recording Secretary: Karen L. Pond

Date: 9/21/2026

Approval by Achieve Detroit Academy Board of Directors

Name Naomi Khalil

Signature Signed by: CD2049C4E1BF4CC...

Position Naomi Khalil

Date 10/6/2026