APPROVED

Escuela Avancemos! Academy

Minutes

Escuela Avancemos Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday April 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Location
Escuela Avancemos Academy
2635 Howard St
Detroit, MI 48216
Room: 105

MISSION STATEMENT: Prepare, educate, and inspire every child, every day to be lifelong leaders and learners in our 21st-century world.

Directors Present
A. Bordeianu, L. Chittum, M. Barbour

Directors Absent
C. Stamatin, M. Gonzalez

Guests Present
A. Ulloa, Elizabeth Rodriguez, J. Joubert, Michelle Khatib, S. Johnson

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Bordeianu called a meeting of the board of directors of Escuela Avancemos! Academy to order on Tuesday Apr 22, 2025 at 6:48 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

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M. Barbour made a motion to approve the Escuela Avancemos Avancemos Academy Regular Board Meeting agenda on April 22, 2025.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Stamatin	Absent
A. Bordeianu	Aye
M. Gonzalez	Absent
M. Barbour	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye

III. Consent Agenda Item

A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the minutes from Escuela Avancemos Regular Board Meeting on 03-18-25.
M. Barbour seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Gonzalez	Absent
M. Barbour	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye
A. Bordeianu	Aye
C. Stamatin	Absent

IV. New Business

A. Annual Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Meetings

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the Annual Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Meetings.
M. Barbour seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Bordeianu	Aye
M. Barbour	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye
M. Gonzalez	Absent
C. Stamatin	Absent

B. School Calendar/School Day Schedule 2025-2026

L. Chittum made a motion to to approve the School Calendar/School Day Schedule 2025-2026 as presented.
M. Barbour seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Bordeianu	Aye
M. Barbour	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye
M. Gonzalez	Absent
C. Stamatin	Absent

The agenda was amended to change New Business Item C from a discussion item to an action item requiring a vote.

C. Contract Amendment Signature Page - Contract Amendment No. 1

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the Contract Amendment Signature Page - Contract Amendment No. 1.
M. Barbour seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Chittum	Aye
M. Barbour	Aye
M. Gonzalez	Absent
C. Stamatin	Absent
A. Bordeianu	Aye

V. Reports

A. March Financials

In Dr. Coggins' absence, Board Treasurer Linda Chittum presented the March 2025 financial reports overview.

B. 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Site Coordinator for the 21st CCLC, presented the monthly programming and budget report. The after-school program has experienced a notable increase in student enrollment, largely due to the commencement of soccer season. The academy's soccer team played and won its first game on April 19th against Harms Elementary.
Ms. Rodriguez expressed interest in collaborating with the academy to offer summer school programming and anticipates further discussions in the coming weeks. Vice President Andreea Bordeianu inquired whether any fundraising had been conducted to offset the cost of soccer uniforms for families. Ms. Rodriguez clarified that uniforms were included with the Detroit PAL membership fee. Additionally, she personally purchased

gently used or new cleats for students unable to afford them, while all remaining soccer-related needs were covered by the after-school program.
Michelle Khatib reported that she is confident the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program will continue to receive funding through the Michigan Department of Education. A recent correction to an attendance data entry oversight—previously indicating that the program was not meeting required attendance thresholds—has now been resolved. With the corrected data, the program is confirmed to be in compliance with state attendance requirements.

C. Sanga Monthly Management Report

Ana Ulloa, CEO of Sanga Consulting, presented the monthly management report to the Board. She emphasized that the academy's instructional model is grounded in research-based curricula and includes targeted academic supports to drive student growth. The leadership team remains focused on ensuring consistent implementation of these strategies across all grade levels.
All WIDA, MSTEP, and PSAT assessments have been completed; results are expected in the summer. NWEA testing is scheduled for May 12–23. The Spring administration of the i-Ready diagnostic will be deactivated. Vice President Bordeianu inquired whether deactivating i-Ready would incur any costs; Ms. Ulloa will follow up with additional information.
Vice President Bordeianu also recommended that the academy consider offering a preschool program to support foundational skill development. In response, Ms. Ulloa shared that Sanga will be hosting a leadership retreat on May 3rd to discuss summer school planning, 2025–2026 school year preparations, and the implementation of a two-week Kindergarten orientation designed to acclimate incoming students to classroom expectations and routines.
Summer school programming will be supported through Section 41 bilingual funds and will run parallel to the 21st CCLC program as two distinct offerings. The academy's summer focus is on delivering a robust, relevant program tailored to the needs of English Language Learners.
Vice President Bordeianu also suggested reaching out to Wayne State University and the University of Detroit Mercy to explore student service leadership programs that may support peer counseling or student teaching partnerships.
The academy continues to maintain a daily student attendance rate of 90% or higher.

Staff recruitment is in full swing. Vice President Bordeianu recommended that the academy attend university hiring fairs to recruit teachers on the spot. Sanga Consulting is committed to ensuring that Escuela Avancemos Academy is fully staffed for the 2025–2026 school year.

VI. Extended Public Comment:

A. This public comment section is reserved for all remaining comments.

None at this time.

VII. Board Comments

A. Authorizer Comments

Jennifer Joubert, Field Operations School Lead from the Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools at Central Michigan University, informed the Board of Directors that the CMU Educational Program Review was recently conducted by members of the Center's Academic Performance and Accountability team. A follow-up review report will be shared with the Board of Directors once completed.
Additionally, Ms. Joubert presented informational flyers encouraging participation in the 2025 Annual Conference, scheduled for August 14, 2025, at Huntington Place in Detroit, MI. All board members, management, leadership, and teachers are welcome to attend and must register for the event.

B. Escuela Avancemos! Academy Board of Directors Updates

The Board expressed appreciation for the information presented and shared their anticipation for receiving the end-of-year assessment data.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Escuela Avancemos Academy.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Johnson

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.