Summit Academy Charter School

Minutes

August Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday August 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Trustees Present
A. Murray (remote), C. McCants (remote), K. Montgomery (remote), M. Bernard (remote), T. Coleman-Brown (remote)

Trustees Absent
A. Young

Guests Present
Jonathan Barger (remote), N. Campbell (remote), T. Price (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. McCants called a meeting of the board of trustees of Summit Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Aug 26, 2026 at 6:08 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

A. Murray made a motion to board approved the July 2026 meeting minutes as presented, with any necessary corrections.

M. Bernard seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Principal's Report

Professional Development and Instructional Priorities

- Summer leadership training began on August 10–11, followed by teacher professional development starting August 12.
- The school emphasized this year's theme, "Rising with Purpose," along with instructional priorities focused on classroom rigor, intentional questioning, data-driven instruction, responsive teaching, and active learning.

Curriculum, Programs, and Staffing

- New or restored offerings include music engineering, psychology, and AP Human Geography, bringing AP offerings to seven.
- Financial literacy will be embedded across middle and high school through homeroom, community circle, and advisory.
- New staffing assignments were shared, including a main office administrator, a high school math teacher, and a high school coordinator.

Graduation, Assessments, and Academic Results

- The school reported a 100% graduation rate for the 2025–2026 school year, with all 36 students meeting graduation requirements.
- Summer boost pre- and post-assessments showed gains in several grades, especially sixth and eighth grade ELA and mathematics.
- AP results were highlighted, including 27 students taking 49 exams and 60% scoring 3 or higher.
- Regents results included a 100% pass rate on the LOTE Spanish exam and overall improvement in multiple subjects.
- Middle school state testing showed sixth and seventh grade ELA outperforming the city, and eighth grade science showing continued growth.

Enrollment and School Opening

- Current enrollment was reported at 284 out of a projected 300, with 267 billable scholars.

- The school reported 27 completed enrollment packets and continued recruitment through online outreach, visits, athletics, and summer programming.
- Middle school orientation had begun, with high school orientation and first day schedules planned in the following weeks.

Upcoming Events

- Parent orientation night, a back-to-school barbecue, and the annual community health fair were scheduled for September.
- Leaders expressed optimism about the school year and the energy among students, staff, and families.

III. Finance

A. July Financials and Audit Update

There is no financial report this month as the school is in the midst of our audit.

IV. Governance

A. Renewal

Consultant and Application Support

- A consultant explained that work on the renewal application and merger review was actively underway.
- Documentation support was being coordinated with legal counsel and Next Generation Charter Schools, including material for the executive summary and merger structure.
- Board Authorization for Renewal and Merger Steps
- The board approved authorization to file the charter renewal application with the New York City Department of Education.
- The resolution also authorized school officers to execute related documents and continue due diligence connected to the proposed merger.
- The merger was described as a proposed strategic partnership effective July 1, 2027, pending required approvals.

M. Bernard made a motion to accept the resolution regarding Summit Academy Charter School's merger.
T. Coleman-Brown seconded the motion.
Resolutions of the Border of Trustees of the Summit Academy Charter School at the general meeting on August 26, 2026.

Resolved that the Board of Trustees of Summit Academy Charter School authorizes and directs the school to file with the New York City Department of Education the charter renewal application with such amendments or modifications as may be advised by council and any member of the board jointly.

And has separately Authorized, resolved that each authorized officer is hereby further authorized and directed individually, and in the name of And on behalf of the school to take such actions and to execute and deliver any such directions. documents, certificates, undertakings, agreements or other instruments, including any supplements, amendments and additions to such documents, undertaking and agreements. The advice of council may be necessary in connection with the renewal application. Executive session resolutions. That is as per the New York open meetings law on a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting, pursuing to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered.

Public body may conduct an executive session. For the below below enumerated purposes, matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspensions or removal of particular person or corporation. System merge will eventually result in employment actions being taken. This is a proper reason for executive session.

Whereas that the board of trustees of Summit Academy Charter School has identified Next Generation Charter Schools as a proposed strategic partner, whereby the school would merge with and into Next Generation Charter Schools effective July 1, 2027. Whereas the board has received the basic term structure. The preliminary framework of the proposed transaction, whereas the board has determined that entering into preliminary negotiations, including negotiation and approval of a letter of intent to merge with Next Generation Charter Schools is advisable and in the best interest of the school.

Now therefore be it resolved that the board hereby approves in principle the school's proposed merger with Next Generation Charter Schools subject to the approval of the New York City Department of Education, Board of Trustees of the State University of New York. and the Board of Regions of the University of the State of New York.

Further resolved that the members of the board jointly or individually being authorized officers and each of them individually hereby is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver a nonbinding letter of intent or term sheet along with any necessary non disclosure agreements on behalf of the school. Further resolve that the authorized officers are authorized to. proceed with due diligence to communicate with the New York City Department of Education.

And governmental authorizers regarding the merger to negotiate the final definitive agreements and applications and submit such final agreements and applications to the board for ultimate approval as required by law

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Other Business

A. Merger Update

The board voted to go into executive session to discuss additional resolutions as per council.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Coleman-Brown