



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

TNAACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 26, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Directors Present

C. Cuellar-Lezcano (remote), D. Dula (remote), F. Monroe (remote), H. Hunt (remote), V. McDonald (remote)

Directors Absent

C. Kelly, J. Beavers

Guests Present

J. Trani (remote), L. Parquette Silva

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Cuellar-Lezcano called a meeting of the board of directors of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Feb 26, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

H. Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 01-15-26.

C. Cuellar-Lezcano seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Finance & Data

A. Monthly Financials

Elaine Schmiedeshoff, from CSBM, reviewed January's Monthly Financials. She shared TNAACS has 103 days of cash on hand and overall our cash in the bank is still strong. Our current CD is scheduled to mature mid-march and the board needs to decide if it will be rolling it over into a new CD. We have accrued \$19,000 in interest on our CD as of 1/31.

General per pupil is down slightly our current enrollment is 245. While there is a decrease in General Education funding it is offset by an increase in the number of SPED students, leading to increased SPED funding. There was a slight shift in State title funding.

Currently our two pen teaching positions is offsetting the decrease in per pupil revenue. We have seen an increase in substitute expenditures as a result of out open positions.

B. TNAACS Mid-Year Assessment Data

Jenny Trani presented data around the results of our mid-year assessment in ELA & math. with the goal of determining our professional learning needs and supports for teachers and students. She shared the two goals the school has for this year:

- No students 2+years behind(eliminate"red" scores)
- Increasing overall achievement by 10%

Last year in ELA 71% of TNAACS students were in the green or double green at the end of the year. 5% were in the red or double red. At the beginning of this year, we expected this to change as students were tested on their new grade level, with 27% green or stripped green and 45 students scoring in the red. By the MOY assessment 50% of students scored in the green or stripped green and there were 20 students in the red.

As a school in ELA currently we are performing in the High Growth, High performing range in comparison to other schools. Grades 3,4 and 5 are all High performing High Growth, grade 2 is Low Performance/High Growth and K and 1 are Low Performance Low Growth. We also looked at Typical and Stretch growth. Should be at or above the 50% median. Grade 2 through 5 are above, while grades k and 1 are below.

Last year in math 69% of TNAACS students were in the green or double green at the end of the year. 4% were in the red or double red. At the beginning of this year, we expected this to change as students were tested on their new grade level, with 17% green or

stripped green and 43 students scoring in the red. By the MOY assessment 43% of students scored in the green or stripped green and there were 15 students in the red.

As a school in Math currently we are performing in the High Growth, High performing range in comparison to other schools. Grades 3 and 5 are all High performing High Growth, grade 4 is High Performance/Low Growth, K is High Growth, Low Performance and 1st and 2nd are Low Performance Low Growth. The highest number of reds in math are in 2nd and 3rd grade.

Jenny also shared that during her data meetings, teachers are creating goals with timestamps to improve their students academic achievement in ELA and math based on the data.

III. Governance

A. TNAACS Board Member Resignation

Lisa Silva shared that Jolisa Beavers had resigned from the TNAACS board, due to the time commitment being too great. It was discussed that the board needs to focus on recruitment of new members. Lisa also stated that the board would need to appoint a new secretary.

B. Academic Excellence Committee

The Academic Excellence Committee had no updates to report.

C. NYSED Mid Year Check-In Site Visit

L. Silva shared that there will be a Mid-Year Check in Site Visit with Jennifer Marshall, our NYSED Liaison March 5th . This will be a half day visit. Lisa shared the schedule for the day and a Progress Toward Goals report that she was requested to complete in preparation for this visit. The visit will consist of a meeting with school leadership and classroom observations.

D. TNAACS Promotion Criteria Rubric

L. Silva shared the ELT's feedback around the draft rubric. Some of the feedback included:

- ELT felt the organization of the document was strong, especially the various categories and use of a checklist for each.
- The rubric is clear and focused on low inference data
- The notes included throughout the document are supportive and explicit
- This is an elevated version of the original draft
- There is an active component to all teacher expectations

ELT had one question about how often the assessment would be used. H. Hunt shared that would ultimately be decided by school leadership, but the recommendation was 4 times per year. ELT wants the number of times to be realistic and doable.

The next step will be for members of the board to complete building out the rest of the document to share with the board and school leadership.

IV. Other

A. Board Professional Development Resources

Lisa Silva shared board professional development resources provided by Board On Track.

V. 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 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Parquette Silva