



Meeting MINUTES - 2025

6:00 PM Oct 1, 2025 | Location: NSCA Main Conference Room

Agenda

- **Call Meeting to Order (Chair, 6:06 pm)**

- Attendance Roll Call

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Director
Ben Partridge	Jarvis Caldwell	Jessica Garcia	Tina Leone	Michelle Ruehl
Present ▾	Present ▾	Virtual ▾	Absent ▾	Present ▾

- Approved ▾

- **Pledge of Allegiance (Chair, 6:06 pm)**

- **Approval of the Agenda (Chair, 6:07 pm)**

I move that we approve the agenda for the Oct 1, 2025 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Ben Partridge ▾ *2nd Motion:* Jarvis Caldwell ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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Ben Partridge	Jarvis Caldwell	Jessica Garcia	Tina Leone	Michelle Ruehl
Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Absent ▾	Yes ▾

- Approved ▾

- **Comments:**

- Public Comments

- Each presenter is limited to 3 minutes

Members of the public shall be allowed to address the Board by sending written comments to the Board Secretary at Tara.Jennings@newsommitcharter.org, identifying the subject "PUBLIC COMMENT" in the subject line of the email. All comments must include the name of the person submitting the comment, as well as contact information. Comments sent in anonymously, or by someone who cannot be identified from his or her email address, will not be read at the Board meeting. Comments must be received by 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting. Written comments must be no more than 400 words (approximately 3 minutes), must not contain profanity, must not reference student names, and must not defame any individual/s by name. Public comments that do not abide by these requirements will not be shared publicly.

- Board Comments

Mrs. Ruehl had her first debate for the D11 board position.

Mr. Caldwell was recently chosen by House Republicans to be the House Minority Leader.

- Executive Director Comments

- In Athletics - all 3 Girls Volleyball teams won all 3 games against James Irwin, and both boys' soccer teams won both games against James Irwin. The seasons are now over, and the end-of-season banquets are this week.
 - Influenced Digital Safety Course - This went amazingly! The trainer was very good. We had about 25 parents attend the training, and those who did said it was a wonderful experience. We are looking forward to doing this with the students now. Parents will need to opt in their kids, and a message will be going out soon.
 - Enrollment update - October Count was today. 584 students are currently enrolled. We will provide a breakdown of the numbers at the November meeting.
 - EAC Updates - Congratulations to Jarvis Caldwell! Our very own is the Minority Leader. Currently, this is the first government shutdown since 2019. I have the government shutdown message from the CDE on the impact, if you would like to review it.

- Staff Highlights

October's staff highlight goes to Victoria "Tori" Barber, Allyson Wedel, and Taryn Wingett. These amazing staff members worked tirelessly to stand up the Critter Coin program and the Yeti School Store.

The Critter Coin Program (affectionately called Yeti Coins) is our new schoolwide PBIS system, which officially launched on August 25. The Yeti Store opened on September 22.

Elementary classes: Teachers sign up for a time slot to bring their class.

Middle school students: May visit the store in the mornings between 7:40 and 8:00 or during their YetiTeam (study hall).

Tori, Allyson, and Taryn have created detailed videos that explain how to sign up, how the store operates, and how students can redeem their Yeti Coins. Teachers are responsible for running the store and distributing rewards.

Beginning September 22, every volunteer will receive Yeti Coins for their student(s) each time they volunteer—this is retroactive, so past volunteer hours count too! And finally, as a special treat, all students who attend at least part of the school day today (October 1) will receive 10 bonus Yeti Coins.

October's second staff highlight goes to Cortnie Wise, Tiffany Fontenot, and James Ravetti. This month has been challenging, but your compassion, resilience, and dedication have made all the difference. You are the heart of what makes our school a safe, supportive place to grow, and your impact on our students' lives is truly remarkable.

■ Student Highlight

October's student highlight is on some of our amazing 8th graders! This year, New Summit introduced a new elective called 8th Grade TAs, where high-achieving eighth-grade students are selected to serve as tutors and support around the school. To be chosen, the students had to fill out an application and be recommended by their teachers.

For the fall semester, four eighth-grade students were selected. These individuals had to create their own TA "All About Us" flier for students. Teachers can request their support to help in the classroom with tutoring, project support, and more. The ladies also help support the office staff. Thank you to these amazing students for their hard work, flexibility, and dedication to making this TA program work by supporting in classrooms, offices, and early release sales.

Hartley Maas, Emma Pierson, Caileigh White, and Isabella Borg

● Consent Agenda/Written Reports (Chair, 6:20 pm)

- Minutes from the Sep 3, 2025 Meeting (Mrs. Jennings)
- Enrollment & Waitlist Update (Mrs. Dean)
- Athletics Update (Mr. Kaloogian)
- Facilities Update (Mr. Coppin)
- School Events (Mrs. Jennings)
- SAC Update (Mrs. Reissig)
- YPC Update (Mrs. Kennedy)

I move that we approve the Consent Agenda for the Oct 1, 2025 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Ben Partridge ▾ 2nd Motion: Michelle Ruehl ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

● Roll Call:

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Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Absent ▾	Yes ▾

Approved ▾

● Information (6:25 pm)

- Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Review (Mrs. Reissig)

This is a CDE requirement every 3 years, due this year.

This was shared with the SAC committee last week.

Improvement Strategy #1 is to strengthen instructional consistency and rigor across ELA and math.

Improvement Strategy #2 is to build a culture of data-driven decision-making in PLCs.

Improvement Strategy #3 is to strengthen MTSS and special services to ensure equitable access

- Q1 Dashboard (Mrs. Strawbridge)

DIBELS in Lower Elementary is at 66%, which is below the benchmark in Kindergarten, the Data looks good.

New goals have been set, as we have met the previous ones.

- By spring of 2028, 90% of NSCA elementary school students will be either meeting their growth target or scoring at or above the 50th percentile for academic achievement in reading. (fall 2025: 64.1%)
- By spring of 2028, 90% of NSCA middle school students will be either meeting their growth target or scoring at or above the 50th percentile for academic achievement in reading. (fall 2025: 60.8%)
- By spring of 2028, 90% of NSCA elementary school students will be either meeting their growth target or scoring at or above the 50th percentile for academic achievement in mathematics. (fall 2025: 58.6%)
- By spring of 2028, 90% of NSCA middle school students will be either meeting their growth target or scoring at or above the 50th percentile for academic achievement in mathematics. (fall 2025: 56.0%)
- By spring of 2028, 90% of NSCA elementary school students will be either meeting their growth target or scoring at or above the 50th percentile for academic achievement in language usage. (fall 2025: 64.8%)
- By spring of 2028, 90% of NSCA middle school students will be either meeting their growth target or scoring at or above the 50th percentile for academic achievement in language usage. (fall 2025: 68.1%)
- By Spring 2028, 50% of the 219 students (math) and 262 students (reading) scoring at the 65th %ile or higher in fall of 2025 will have an achievement percentile of the 75th %ile or higher by spring of 2028 in their high performing subject area(s)
- Each identified subgroup (e.g., ELL, SPED, economically disadvantaged) will demonstrate a minimum 10-point gain in percent meeting growth targets by 2028.

- **Discussion (6:56 pm)**

1. Executive Director Evaluation Template & Goals (Mrs. McClelland)

The CLCS ED Evaluation template was reviewed which is adjustable.

The Board will review the goals.

- **Adjourn (Chair, 7:12 pm)**

I move that we adjourn the Oct 1, 2025 NSCA Board Meeting.

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Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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