



Meeting MINUTES - 2026

6:00 PM Feb 10, 2026 | Location: NSCA Main Conference Room

Agenda

A. Call Meeting to Order (Chair, 6:04 pm)

1. Attendance Roll Call

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

- Approved ▾

B. Pledge of Allegiance (Chair, 6:05 pm)

C. Approval of the Agenda (Chair, 6:05 pm)

I move that we approve the agenda for the Feb 10, 2026 NSCA Board Meeting.

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

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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

- Approved ▾

D. Comments:

1. 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), and 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.

2. Board Comments

Mr. Caldwell noted that sessions began on Jan 14th and they are very long days.

Mr. Partridge applauded the Boys Basketball team for their hard work and grit this season as well as the Cheerleaders for their very hard work and dedication.

3. Executive Director Comments

Please see Mrs. McClelland's Executive Director Comment notes.

- Staff Highlight
 - Jenna Metz

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

- Minutes from the Jan 13, 2026 Meeting (Mrs. Jennings)
- Enrollment & Waitlist Update (Mrs. Dean)
- Marketing Update (Ms. Reichart)
- Athletics Update (Mr. Kaloogian)
- Facilities Update (Mr. Coppin)
- School Events (Mrs. Jennings)
- YPC Update (Mrs. Kennedy)

I move that we approve the Consent Agenda for the Feb 10, 2026 NSCA Board Meeting.

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

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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

Approved ▾

F. Information (6:42 pm)

- 26/27 Student Fees (Mrs. Reissig)
 - Mrs. McClelland noted there were no changes from last year's fees.
- Quarterly Dashboard (Nov - Jan) (Mrs. Strawbridge & Mrs. McClelland)
 - Mrs. Strawbridge noted that discrepancies in the data are attributed to the differences in modality - paper and pencil to digital.
 - NWEA does not reflect things like behavior issues (e.g., 3rd-grade behavior)
 - NWEA MAP growth is wonderful. (Growth target is set by NWEA; we strive for higher.)

- Median Growth Percentiles: last year, CMAS scores in reading dropped considerably 54.5% to 26% in elementary. This is attributed to the change from paper and pencil to digital for this age group. Elementary has no skill in typing and computer usage. In Math, they dropped from 53.5% to 35%.
 - Behaviors have gotten better
3. Quarterly Financials (Oct - Dec) (Mr. Gustafson & Mrs. Hilborn)
- Mr. Gustafson reviewed:
- We received our ERTC money from last year, and we have paused all spending, including ERTC
 - Currently, we are deficit spending
 - Enrollment was down, but we made a considerable effort to trim where we could without cutting manpower
 - We are running high on maintenance expenditures
 - Mrs. Hilborn is doing an amazing job with Preschool, with a 100K improvement
 - We are on target with our bond ratios
 - Currently budgeting conservatively for next year's enrollment
 - See G.2. for next year's budget discussion

G. Discussion (7:25 pm)

1. 27/28 Elementary & Middle School Calendar (Mrs. Reissig)
- Mrs. McClelland stated that this is a draft only; we are currently waiting on the 27/28 D20 calendars that have not yet been published.
2. Discussions & Prioritization for next year's budget (Mr. Gustafson)
- Please see the reference guide in the board packet
- Mr. Gustafson noted that:
- The state budget will likely be late.
 - The two biggest line items in the state budget are Medicaid and K-12
 - Possible 2% increase in per-pupil revenue
 - We will need to balance last year's budget
 - Notable: 2 new charters are coming to D20 area and are nearby

H. Action

1. 26/27 Elementary & Middle School School Calendars

I move that we approve the 26/27 Elementary & Middle School School Calendars.

1st Motion: **Ben Partridge** 2nd Motion: **Jessica Garcia**

Discussion: **None**

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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

Approved

2. BBB-NSCA Policy - Board Selection Process

I move that we approve the BBB-NSCA Policy on the Board Selection Process as presented.

1st Motion: Ben Partridge ▾ 2nd Motion: Jessica Garcia ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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

Approved ▾

I. Adjourn (Chair, 7:45 pm)

I move that we adjourn the Feb 10, 2026 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Ben Partridge ▾ 2nd Motion: Jessica Garcia ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾

Approved ▾

Scribe

Tara Jennings