Meeting MINUTES - 2026

6:00 PM May 12, 2026 | Location: NSCA Main Conference Room

Agenda

A. Call Meeting to Order (Chair, 6:07 pm)

1. Attendance Roll Call

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

- Approved

B. Pledge of Allegiance (Chair, 6:08 pm)

C. Approval of the Agenda (Chair, 6:08 pm)

I move that we approve the agenda for the May 12, 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	*Absent*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*

- *Approved*

D. Comments:

1. Public Comments NONE
    - 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@newsummitcharter.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.

2. Board Comments
   Mr. Partridge stated the Middle School Band Concert was excellent!
   Mrs. Leone reported the Mayoral Visit was spectacular.
3. Executive Director Comments
   - Staff Highlight
     - James Divine - Parade/Awards
     - Internal Substitutes:
       a. Jeff Poburka
       b. Abby Edmiston
       c. Vincent Nigro
       d. Jennifer Sanders
     - Long Term Substitutes:
       a. Jeremy Fricke
       b. Tiffany Hoover
     - Rachel Knighten - Choir Concerts
   - Student Highlight
     - Battle of the Books participants
       a. Amira Herring
       b. Carter Flood
       c. Corra Pearson
       d. Dylan Bush
       e. Lia Dawson
       f. Lili Landry
       g. Lucas Tamayo
       h. Maya Gualtieri
       i. Ridge Huston
       j. Jadzia Hartle
       k. Jenni Greene
       l. Genevieve Hickle
       m. Deacon Brooks
     - Advanced Band Students in Parade & Award
       a. 8th Grade:
          i. Alyssa Albrecht
          ii. Jaden Blanchard
          iii. Conner Clayton
          iv. Liam Colman
          v. Jasmine Diaz
          vi. Katelyn Griffin
          vii. Jaden Taylor - Conductor
       b. 7th Grade:
          i. Ramy Almallak
          ii. Landon Beighley
          iii. Aracely Fontenot

iv. Sophia Green
v. Areej Hamed
vi. Aya Hamed
vii. Arianna Hilton
viii. Hannah Jennings - Banner
ix. Gavin Lincoln
x. Yabani Luguja
xi. Rosie McAtasney - Banner
xii. Brody Nelson
xiii. Nathan Nguyen
xiv. Colton Pflaumer
xv. Camren Reichert
xvi. Koji Scouton
xvii. Romaisa Touqeer
xviii. Ryder Umland
xix. Jude Verbeck
xx. Charlee Watkins
xxi. Audrey Wheeler

c. 6th Grade:
   i. Jase Angello
   ii. Thomas DeAngelo III
   iii. Gavin Fontenot
   iv. Ender Luchsinger
   v. Chloe Merkle
   vi. Norah Zimmermann

- Mrs. McClelland gave a review of:
  a. Our wonderful Mayoral Visit for the Month of the Military Child.
  b. The last EAC meeting

E. Consent Agenda/Written Reports (Chair, 6:24 pm)

1. Minutes from the Apr 14, 2026 Meeting (Mrs. Jennings)
2. Enrollment & Waitlist Update (Mrs. Dean)
3. Marketing Update (Ms. Reichart)
4. Athletics Update (Mr. Kaloogian)
5. School Events (Mrs. Jennings)
6. YPC Update (Mrs. Kennedy)

I move that we approve the Consent Agenda for the May 12, 2026 NSCA Board Meeting.

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

Discussion: *None*

Discussion Comment:

- *Roll Call:*

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

Approved

F. Discussion (6:26 pm)

1. Review proposed budget for 26/27 SY
    - Mr. Gustafson briefed the Board on the current legislative session and its impact on the District's financial planning.
    - It was reported that the School Finance Act (SFA) has not yet been passed, with tomorrow being the final day of the legislative session. The discussion included the proposed hold-harmless amendment.
    - Mr. Gustafson noted that while many remain optimistic about potential funding increases, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has advised districts to stay the course with conservative projections.
    - New Summit's proposed budget is built on the following conservative assumptions:
        - Flat enrollment
        - No increase in Per Pupil Revenue (PPR)
        - No increases in spending or salaries until you can certify your holdings
    - The Board was informed that the school remains in compliance with its bond requirements under the current budget framework.
    - This budget will be presented for action at the Board meeting scheduled for May 26th.

2. D20 Contract

   Revisions to the contract include:

   The replacement of the enrollment policy with our current policy.

   The primary revision is in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) section.

   Key provisions of the updated policy and associated contract include the Following:

   - A stipulation for a Special Education Site Director position. Rick Frampton has served as a mentor to the school's SPED program, assisted in reframing this contract, and has been appointed to this role. The contract has been executed.
   - A Special Education Coordinator position has also been created.
   - Both positions have been incorporated into the 2026-2027 budget.
   - Under the new model, the school will receive its pro-rata share of Per Pupil Revenue (PPR), consistent with the TCA model.
   - The school will assume responsibility for all moderate programming, including the provision of all Special Education services such as Physical Therapy (PT), Speech-Language Pathology (SLP), and Occupational Therapy (OT).
   - The school retains the ability to contract with the district for additional services in cases involving high-needs students that cannot be served internally.
   - The school will be fully responsible for all federal complaints, due process hearings, litigation, and all costs related to Special Education programs.

   The Board was informed that approval of the Kindergarten Readiness Waiver is expected.

   Possible updates to the bylaws were noted and will be discussed later in the meeting.

3. Board Candidate Interview #1 (7:00 p.m.)
    - Sara Nelson

4. Board Candidate Interview #2 (7:40 p.m.)
    - Carlos Tamayo

5. Candidate Discussions (8:15 p.m.)
    - Discussion of Transition Candidate in Bylaws

G. Action (8:25 p.m.)

1. Updated 26/27 School Year Calendar

I move that we approve the updated 26/27 School Year Calendar as presented.

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

Discussion: *Kim McClelland*

Discussion Comment:

Changes were made in accordance with new state requirements.

- *Roll Call:*

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

Approved

H. Adjourn (Chair, 8:32 pm)

I move that we adjourn the May 12, 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	*Absent*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*

Approved

Scribe

Tara Jennings