



Meeting MINUTES - 2026

6:00 PM Apr 14, 2026 | Location: NSCA Main Conference Room

Agenda

A. Call Meeting to Order (Chair, 6:02 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, 6:03 pm)

C. Approval of the Agenda (Chair, 6:03 pm)

I move that we approve the agenda for the Apr 14, 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

Mrs. Ruehl recently returned from Honduras regarding the adoption of a 4-year-old daughter.

Mr. Partridge stated that the career fair was awesome, that it has gotten bigger every year, and that everyone he spoke to loved it.

Mrs. Leone met with a wonderful resource teacher, Mr. Krannawitter, who has excellent resources and would like to meet with Mrs. McClelland to share them.

3. Executive Director Comments

- Staff Highlight
 - Denise Piciulo, Tania Williams, and Ashlie Lincoln
 - Cortnie Wise and Tiffany Fontenot
- Student Highlight
 - D20 Art Show & Contest Participants
 - a. Carson Scafide (Kinder)
 - b. Meredith Gibbs (Kinder)
 - c. Ryley Elkins (1st)
 - d. Andrew Herrera-Gilmore (1st)
 - e. Kyria Jenkins (2nd)
 - f. Elizabeth (Ellie) Lagreca (2nd)
 - g. Alice Hobbs (3rd)
 - h. Jaxten Cunningham (3rd)
 - i. Charlotte Lincoln (4th)
 - j. River Morris (4th)
 - k. Trinity Taylor (5th)
 - l. Yvonne Garcia (5th)
 - m. Zoe Rivera (6th)
 - n. Mckayla Wild (6th)
 - o. Gabriella Hajoglou (7th)
 - p. Judah Krause (7th)
 - q. Matteo Favarin Martines (8th)
 - Winners:
 - Elizabeth (Ellie) Lagreca
 - Matteo Favarin Martines
- Mrs. McClelland reviewed and highlighted:
 - The Capitol Field Trip on 3/12/2026 and photo collage
 - Students were able to meet Mr. Caldwell
 - Mr. Caldwell and his assistant, Aspen, reserved the staff and students on the house floor
 - The students were able to hear some bills being read and passed

- Parade Review 3/14/2026
- Career Fair Review 4/3/2026
- Jessie Kimber - Mayor's office representative
- Board Search Update
- Sara Nelson /Courthouse Field Trip 4/13/2026
- School Family Update
- D20 Email
- EAC Updates

E. Consent Agenda/Written Reports (Chair, 6:46 pm)

1. Minutes from the Mar 10, 2026 Meeting (Mrs. Jennings)
2. Enrollment & Waitlist Update (Mrs. Dean)
3. Marketing Update (Ms. Reichert)
4. Facilities Update (Mr. Coppin & Mrs. Garcia)
5. School Events (Mrs. Jennings)
6. YPC Update (Mrs. Pluemer)

I move that we approve the Consent Agenda for the Apr 14, 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. Information (6:46 pm)

1. 3rd Quarter Financials Review (Jan - Mar) (Mrs. Hilborn)

Working on more areas to lower our deficit to meet our debt service ratio.

Had a better 3rd quarter, it was in the black for the first time this year.

We are doing monthly financials internally, so we are monitoring.

The state's economy is flat.

Medicaid has been getting a larger and larger slice, while Education has been getting smaller and smaller. Over the past 20 years, it has gone down from 49% to 29%.

Advice from CDE:

 - Be careful: there is some reason for optimism, but stay conservative and ride it out.
 - Use a flat PPR
 - Watch enrollment
 - Postpone any compensation discussions until after the election and when enrollment numbers are certified, when we know exactly where we are with fund balance.
 - The state budget and school finance act are still not complete.

2. Before and After-school Care (Mrs. McClelland)

We gave our 60-day notice to Prodigy Childcare as per the contract. Some parents were upset by this.

Currently creating our before- and after-school care program and a summer program, we are in the budget creation process. Tentatively, this will be called "The Yeti Club".

We will not be offering the Colorado Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP), which is state-funded, but we will work with families to make it affordable.

G. Action (7:28 pm)

1. GCN-NSCA Policy

I move that we approve the GCN-NSCA Policy Evaluation of Staff as presented.

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

Discussion: **James Ravetti**

Discussion Comment:

Mr. Ravetti gave an update. This is a base or core policy. It will be followed up with an "R" policy.

• Roll Call:

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Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Approved

2. Updated 26/27 Student Fees

I move that we approve the updated 26/27 Student Fees as presented.

1st Motion: **Jarvis Caldwell** 2nd Motion: **Jessica Garcia**

Discussion: **Kim McClelland**

Discussion Comment:

Mrs. McClelland stated that this is due to the budget; we raised the fees only slightly. \$10 increase for Elementary and a \$30 increase for Middle School.

• Roll Call:

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No	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Approved

3. Teacher Appreciation 2026

I move that we approve the 2026 Teacher Appreciation Resolution as presented.

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

Discussion: **None**

Discussion Comment:

• Roll Call:

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Yes ▾	Absent ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾

Approved ▾

H. Adjourn (Chair, 7:39 pm)

I move that we adjourn the Apr 14, 2026 NSCA Board Meeting.

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

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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Yes ▾	Absent ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾

Approved ▾

Scribe

Tara Jennings