



Meeting MINUTES - 2026

6:00 PM Aug 5, 2026 | Location: NSCA Main Conference Room

Agenda

A. Call Meeting to Order (Chair, 6:00 pm)

The Mission of New Summit Charter Academy is to build a safe educational community that emphasizes a love of learning and inspires and empowers students to reach New Summits.

1. Attendance Roll Call

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Director
Ben Partridge	Jessica Garcia	Carlos Tamayo	Tina Leone	Jarvis Caldwell
Present ▾	Present ▾	Present ▾	Present ▾	Virtual ▾

- Approved ▾

B. Pledge of Allegiance (Chair, 6:01 pm)

C. Approval of the Agenda (Chair, 6:01 pm)

I move that we approve the agenda for the Aug 5, 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	Jessica Garcia	Carlos Tamayo	Tina Leone	Jarvis Caldwell
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@newsomitcharter.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

3. Executive Director Comments

SCHOOL:

- The beginning-of-school-year buzz is in full effect. Shout out to Jenn and her team for a well-prepared year.
- Yeti Club Update - Maureen is amazing, and we got licensing approval this past week, which was a breath of fresh air.
- Who would like to be involved in the strategic planning
- Still waiting on CMAS growth results
- New turf out back if you want to take a look. Working on getting some shade.
- Haven project: You will get an update tonight.

FINANCE:

- Supplemental budget and shout out to Maureen, Laura, and Glenn with the audit work

EAC UPDATES:

- Had our board meeting in July to recap. EAC is viewed in the capital as an organization that shows up to talk and collaborate. Positive feedback on our space in the capital.
- Went over the primary results, and have given you a copy for your info.
- There was no legislation this year that was tricky, except for the school finance act.
- We discussed policy priorities and the upcoming legislative landscape.
- SBE- Addresses the Homeschool Enrichment programs and the number of schools that have applied to work outside the boundaries of their authorizing local education provider. Must seek permission from SBE.

CDE emphasized that districts, charter schools, and BOCES are all considered local education providers and may operate part-time public programs for homeschool students. However, the programs must comply with four major statutory guardrails:

- Students attending private schools are not eligible to participate as part-time public-school students.
- Public funds may not directly or indirectly pay for, reimburse, or subsidize private activities or private purchases.
- Programs must follow the same legal requirements as their authorizing provider, including educator licensure and background-check requirements.

- Programs operating outside their authorizer’s geographic boundaries must obtain authorization from either CDE or the local school board where the program is located. CDE advised providers to inventory every program, campus, course, and contracted activity; determine whether each location is inside or outside the authorizer’s boundaries; evaluate compliance with the new statute; and either move the activity within the authorizer’s boundaries or obtain the required approval.

- State budget outlook

CDE presented an early budget update following the June state revenue forecasts. The forecasts showed a substantial projected state budget shortfall for fiscal year 2027–28, although the executive and legislative estimates differed considerably. OSPB projects an 800 million shortfall, and LCS has projected a 315 million shortfall.

State agencies have been asked to begin identifying potential reductions, with CDE examining options equivalent to approximately a 4% reduction in its departmental operating budget. More detailed budget proposals and possible Board action are expected in August.

Reminders:

- Kim's Evaluation by August 21st, and we will review all results at the September board meeting.
- Set onboarding dates for Carlos
- School Pictures in the morning tomorrow if you want an updated photo.
- Who would like to be involved in the strategic planning process this fall, 1-2 people, and can share the workload if needed.

E. Consent Agenda/Written Reports (Chair, 6:50 pm)

1. Minutes from the May 26, 2026 , Jun 11, 2026 Special Meeting & Jun 11, 2026 Retreat (Mrs. Jennings)
2. Enrollment & Waitlist Update (Mrs. Dean)
3. Personnel Update (Mrs. Hilborn)
4. Facilities Update (Mr. Coppin)
5. School Events (Mrs. Jennings)

I move that we approve the Consent Agenda for the Aug 5, 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 ▾

F. Information (6:50 pm)

1. Q4 Financials (Mrs. Hilborn)

Mrs. Hilborn reviewed the Q4 Financials (Apr-Jun).

G. Action (7:06 pm)

1. Haven Forest School Contract

I move that we approve the Haven Forest School Contract as presented.

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

Discussion: Kim McClelland

Discussion Comment:

Mrs. McClelland reviewed the District meeting outcomes and key contract information.

- Roll Call:

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Approved

2. 26-27 SY Supplemental Budget

I move that we approve the 26-27 SY Supplemental Budget as presented.

1st Motion: Ben Partridge 2nd Motion: Name

Discussion: Kim McClelland

Discussion Comment:

Mrs. McClelland and Mrs. Hilborn went over the most recent supplemental budget update, including PPR and Enrollment number updates.

- Roll Call:

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Director
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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Approved

H. Adjourn (Chair, 7:48 pm)

I move that we adjourn the Aug 5, 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 ▾				

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Tara Jennings