

Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes July 17, 2025

In Attendance:

Board-Blair Dawson, Michael Gilbert, Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott, Amy Thornburg
DMA-Samantha Bandy, Aaron Wallace
Ed One-Amanda Webb
Guests- Kevin Davis, Kasey Kanger, Julie Gordon

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 5:33 p.m. ET

Board Elections

Rachel Deaton was thanked for her service to the DMA board as she completes her term.

Amy Thornburg was nominated as DMA Board President. The nomination was accepted. All in favor of Amy being President.

Katie Kunkel was nominated as Vice President. No other nominations were offered. The nomination was seconded and accepted.

Micheal Gilbert was nominated as Treasurer. The nomination was accepted.

Minute Approval

June Meeting Minutes

Motion passed and accepted.

Financial Review

Samantha confirmed that the May financials were in the board folder and she opened the floor for questions. A motion was made to accept the May financials and the motion was accepted.

Personnel Report

Samantha updated the board on staff changes for the month. A motion was made to accept the personnel and the motion was accepted.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the current enrollment updates for the month.

State of the School and Strategic Planning Update

Samantha shared the school's data regarding the progress on the goals that were set for Education One. She shared with the board the strategic planning for the 2025-2026 school year.

Staff Injury Policy Proposal

Samantha presented a new policy regarding staff injuries. The board reviewed the policy proposal and asked Samantha to make some additional changes before seeking approval.

Medicaid Updates

Julie provided updates and there were no board actions.

Mind Trust Fellowship Updates

Samantha and Aaron provided updates about the Mind Trust Fellowship and there were no board actions.

Committee Updates

There were no updates from the expansion committee. The board recruitment committee shared there was one interested party.

Education One Report

Amanda Webb reviewed the Education One report.

Public Input

There was no public input.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. ET

Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes

August 21, 2025

In Attendance:

Board-Blair Dawson, Michael Gilbert, Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott, Amy Thornburg
DMA-Samantha Bandy, Aaron Wallace
Ed One-Amanda Webb
Guests- Kevin Davis, Kasey Kanger, Julie Gordon

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 5:31 p.m. ET

Financial Review

Samantha confirmed that the June financials were in the board folder and she opened the floor for questions. A motion was made to accept the June financials and the motion was accepted.

Personnel Report

Samantha updated the board on staff changes for the month. A motion was made to accept the personnel and the motion was accepted.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the enrollment update.

Calendar Change Proposal

Samantha presented a change in the calendar. A motion was made to approve the calendar change and the motion was accepted.

Medicaid Updates

Samantha and Julie provided updates and there were no board actions.

Mind Trust Fellowship Updates

Samantha presented a DMA Education One Letter of Intent and Expansion Timeline. A motion was made with a second and the motion was approved.

Committee Updates

Samantha discussed the expansion committee, which does not currently have a board member sitting on the committee. In regards to the board recruitment committee, Amy confirmed that the board currently meets the minimum number of required number of members, which is five members.

Education One Report

Amanda Webb reviewed the Education One report.

Public Input

There was no public input.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. ET

Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes

September 18, 2025

In Attendance:

Board-Blair Dawson, Michael Gilbert, Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott, Amy Thornburg

DMA-Samantha Bandy, Aaron Wallace

Guests- Kevin Davis, Kasey Kanger

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 5:31 p.m. ET

Financial Review

The July financials were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the motion was accepted.

Minute Approval

The July and August minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the July minutes, and the motion was accepted and approved. A motion was made to approve the August minutes, and the motion was accepted and approved.

Personnel Report

A motion was made to accept the personnel report, and the motion was accepted.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the enrollment update.

Proposal to Engage in PEO

Samantha presented the proposal to engage in a PEO. A motion was made to approve the proposal to engage in PEO, and the motion was approved.

Vacant and Unused Building Letter of Interest

Samantha presented the vacant and unused building letter of interest. A motion was made to approve the Vacant and Unused Building Letter of Interest, and the motion was approved.

Medicaid Updates

Samantha provided an update and there were no board actions.

Committee Updates

The board recruitment committee shared that there are two possible individuals who are interested in applying to the board. There will be an update in October.

Proposal to Launch Fundraising Committee

Samantha presented a proposal to launch a fundraising committee. A motion was made to approve the proposal to launch a fundraising committee and the motion was approved.

Public Input

There was no public input.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46p.m. ET

Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes

November 20, 2025

In Attendance:

Board-Blair Dawson, Michael Gilbert, Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott, Amy Thornburg

DMA-Samantha Bandy, Aaron Wallace

Ed One-Amanda Webb

Guests- Kasey Kanger, Julie Gordon

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 5:31 p.m. ET

Financial Review

The August financials were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the motion was accepted.

The September financials were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the motion was accepted.

Minute Approval

The September minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the September minutes, and the motion was accepted and approved.

Personnel Report

A motion was made to accept the personnel report, and the motion was accepted.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the enrollment update.

Restatement of 403(b) Retirement Plan

A motion was made to approve the restatement of 403(b) Retirement Plans, and the motion was accepted and approved.

Donovan Financial Audit Results

Samantha reviewed the audit results and there were no board actions.

ILEARN Checkpoints Update

Samantha shared an update regarding the first ILEARN Checkpoint results and there were no board actions.

School 65 Update

Samantha shared an update on where DMA is in the process to acquire School 65 and there were no board actions.

Medicaid Updates

Samantha and Julie provided an update and there were no board actions.

Committee Updates

Amy gave an update about two potential new board candidates. A motion was made to accept both, EF and BF, candidates to the board. The motion was accepted and approved.

Education One Report

Amanda Webb reviewed the Education One report.

Public Input

There was no public input.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. ET

Dynamic Minds Academy Special Session Board Minutes

January 5, 2026

In Attendance:

Board-Blair Dawson, Michael Gilbert, Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott, Amy Thornburg, Erin Fields

DMA-Samantha Bandy

Ed One-Emily Gaskill

Guests- none

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 6:02 p.m. ET

Call to order

Amy Thornburg opened the meeting and welcomed new board member, Erin Fields.

Discussion and vote on Charter Amendment Resolution

Samantha Bandy presented the Charter Amendment Resolution and Samantha Bandy and Emily Gaskill answered questions posed from board members.

A motion was made to approve the Charter Amendment Resolution and the motion was accepted.

Public Input

There was no public input.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. ET

Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes
January 15, 2026

In Attendance:

Board-Blair Dawson, Michael Gilbert, Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott, Amy Thornburg, Erin Fields
DMA-Samantha Bandy, Aaron Wallace

Ed One-Amanda Webb

Guests- Kevin Davis, Kasey Kanger, Julie Gordon, Joanne Tedesco, some members of the public

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 5:31 p.m. ET

Financial Review

The October financials were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the motion was accepted.

The November financials were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the motion was accepted.

Minute Approval

The November and Special Session minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the November and Special Session minutes, and the motion was accepted and approved.

Personnel Report

A motion was made to accept the personnel report, and the motion was accepted.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the enrollment update.

Calendar Proposal

The 26/27 calendar proposal was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the 26/27 calendar, and the motion was accepted and approved.

School 65 Update

Samantha shared an update on where DMA is in the process to acquire School 65 and there were no board actions.

Medicaid Updates

Samantha and Julie provided an update and there were no board actions.

Committee Updates

The board will end the expansion committee at this time due to the School 65 acquisition.

The board recruitment committee does not need to take any additional actions at this time.

Education One Report

Amanda Webb reviewed the Education One report.

Public Input

The Neighborhood University Heights Association invited DMA to attend and share the presentation from the committee meeting. It will take place on January 20, 2026 at 7 pm.

A parent requested information about the transportation bill that is affecting charter schools. Samantha shared additional information about the bill.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. ET

Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes
February 19, 2026

In Attendance:

Board-Blair Dawson, Michael Gilbert, Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott, Erin Fields

DMA-Samantha Bandy, Aaron Wallace

Ed One-Amanda Webb

Guests- Kevin Davis, Kasey Kanger, Julie Gordon, Jacqueline Foster

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 5:32 p.m. ET

Financial Review

The December financials were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the motion was accepted.

Minute Approval

The December minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the December minutes, and the motion was accepted and approved.

Personnel Report

A motion was made to accept the personnel report, and the motion was accepted.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the enrollment update, no actions were required.

Academic Update

Samantha shared an academic update, no actions were required.

DMA South Update

Samantha presented the Resolution to Purchase School 65. A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Purchase School 65, and the motion was accepted and approved.

Legislative Updates

Samantha shared an update regarding HB 1423, no actions were required.

Committee Updates

The board recruitment committee does not need to take any additional actions at this time.

Education One Report

Amanda Webb reviewed the Education One report and update the board on the DMA South application deadline.

Public Input

There was no public input.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. ET

Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes
March 19, 2026

In Attendance:

Board-Blair Dawson, Michael Gilbert, Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott, Amy Thornburg, Erin Fields
DMA-Samantha Bandy, Aaron Wallace
Ed One-Amanda Webb
Guests- Julie Gordon, some members of the public

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 5:31 p.m. ET

Financial Review

The January financials were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the motion was accepted.

Minute Approval

The February minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the February minutes, and the motion was accepted and approved.

Personnel Report

A motion was made to accept the personnel report, and the motion was accepted.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the enrollment update.

AI Proposal and Revised Acceptable Use Policy to Include AI

The use of Artificial Intelligence proposal and revised Acceptable Use Policy to include AI was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the the AI proposal and revised Acceptable Use Policy to include AI, and the motion was accepted and approved.

DMA South Update

Samantha shared an update on where DMA is in the process to acquire School 65 to become the DMA South campus and there were no board actions.

Legislative Update: HB 1423 Updates

Samantha provided an update and there were no board actions.

Committee Updates

Samantha is planning to schedule a meeting for the fundraiser committee. The board recruitment committee update is continuing to look for additional board members.

Education One Report

Amanda Webb reviewed the Education One report.

Public Input

There was no public input.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. ET

Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes
April 16, 2026

In Attendance:

Board-Blair Dawson, Michael Gilbert, Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott, Amy Thornburg, Erin Fields
DMA-Samantha Bandy, Aaron Wallace
Ed One-Amanda Webb
Guests- Kevin Davis, Kasey Kanger, Julie Gordon, Tia Forthofer

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 5:30 p.m. ET.

Financial Review

The February financials were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the motion was accepted.

Minute Approval

The March minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the March minutes, and the motion was accepted and approved.

Personnel Report

A motion was made to accept the personnel report, and the motion was accepted.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the enrollment update.

DMA South Update

Samantha shared an update on where DMA is in the process to acquire School 65 to become the DMA South campus and there were no board actions.

Relevant Policy Updates

Samantha gave a general update and there were no board actions.

Committee Updates

The board recruitment committee update is continuing to look for additional board members.

Education One Report

Amanda Webb reviewed the Education One report.

Public Input

One parent requested additional information regarding navigating insurance.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. ET

Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes
May 20, 2026

In Attendance (In Person):

Board-Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott
DMA-Samantha Bandy
Guests- Kevin Davis, Tiffany Pulkowski

In Attendance (Virtually):

Board-Blair Dawson, Michael Gilbert, Amy Thornburg
DMA- Aaron Wallace
Ed One-Amanda Webb
Guests- Kasey Kanger, Julie Gordon, Nick Perry, Peter Hayward, Tia Forthofer, Andy Siebert

A quorum was established and the meeting started 5:34p.m. ET.

Financial Review

The March financials were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the motion was accepted.

Minute Approval

The April minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the March minutes, and the motion was accepted and approved.

Personnel Report

A motion was made to accept the personnel report, and the motion was accepted.

DMA South Update

Samantha shared an update on where DMA is in the process to acquire School 65 to become the DMA South campus and there were no board actions.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the enrollment update.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for the 26-27 school year was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the 26-27 budget and the motion was accepted and approved.

25-26 State Testing Summary

Samantha shared an update regarding state testing for the 25-26 school year and no actions were needed.

Relevant Policy Updates

Samantha shared an update about the cell phone policy which was recently passed, no board actions were needed.

Public Meetings (Open Door Law) Compliance

Amy shared a brief update and this will be discussed further at the next board meeting, no further action was needed.

Committee Updates

The board recruitment committee update is continuing to look for additional board members. There has been some interest with four potential candidates.

Board Strategic Planning

All board members coordinated their schedules for a strategic planning session in July.

Education One Report

Amanda Webb reviewed the Education One report.

Public Input

There was no public input.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. ET

Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes
June 18, 2026

In Attendance (In Person):

Board-Katie Kunkel, Amy Thornburg
DMA-Aaron Wallace
Guests- Kevin Davis

In Attendance (Virtually):

Board-Michael Gilbert, Erin Fields
DMA- Samantha Bandy
Ed One-Amanda Webb
Guests- Tiffany Pulkowski, Kasey Kanger, Nick Perry, Tia Forthofer, Andy Siebert

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 5:40 p.m. ET.

Financial Review

The April financials were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the motion was accepted.

Minute Approval

The May minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the May minutes, and the motion was accepted and approved.

Personnel Report

A motion was made to accept the personnel report, and the motion was accepted.

DMA South Update and Updated Resolution Form

Samantha shared an update on where DMA is in the process to acquire School 65 to become the DMA South campus. A motion was made to approve the updated resolution form and the motion was accepted and approved.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the enrollment update.

Educator Director Goal Update

The 2025/2026 school year goals for the Educator Director were reviewed and no actions were needed.

Relevant Policy Updates

Samantha shared an update about charter school teacher licensing updates from the recent legislation session.

Committee Updates

The board recruitment committee update is continuing to look for additional board members. There have been a few individuals interested in joining the board.

Education One Report

Amanda Webb reviewed the Education One report.

Public Input

As Michael Gilbert's term ends this month, the board recognized his service on the board.

With no further agenda items, a motion was made to end the meeting and the motion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. ET