**Nova Classical Academy**
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**
**Regular Meeting**
**August 24, 2026**

**Directors Present: Teo Flesher, Colleen Hansen, Shannon Hooge, Becky Lund, Heather Meeker, Todd Sample, Chris Shepard, Brandon Supernault, Bavi Weston**

**Directors Absent:**

**Advisors Present: Brett Wedlund**, **Tamra Paschall** (Zoom), **Carolyn Farrell**, **Missy Johnson, Jesse Prins** (Zoom)

**Others in Attendance: Nova staff, parents** (Note: While this meeting was held in-person at 1455 Victoria Way, it was also made available on Zoom.)

I. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Bavi Weston chaired the meeting.

II. **Business Meeting: Approval of Agenda**
Ms. Lund moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Hansen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. **Board Training**
Three of Nova Classical's Pedagogical Leads reviewed the ideas behind Nova Classical's mission. (Presentation) The Board discussed the mission including how we saw it in action and Nova Classical as well as places where we could continue to develop.

IV. **Public Comment**
Jennifer Watkins, parent, submitted electronic public comment asking that the school year start after Labor Day and that those five days be incorporated into the school year (replacing non-instructional days).

V. **Consent Agenda**
A. Yearly approval of policy 413 (Violence and Harassment)
B. Yearly approval of policy 506 (Student Discipline)
C. Yearly approval of policy 514 (Bullying Prohibition)
D. Yearly approval of policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)
E. Yearly approval of policy 522 (Title IX)
F. August personnel report

G. Yearly approval of policy 524 (Internet Acceptable Use)
H. Yearly approval of policy 806 (Crisis Management)
I. First reading of revised policy NP 703 (Fundraising)
J. First reading of revised policy NP 704 (Electronic Fund Transfer)
K. First reading of revised policy NP 706 (Acceptance of Gifts)
L. July 27, 2026 Board Minutes
M. Approve the SY27 Budget and Finance Committee Goals

Ms. Lund moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the Budget and Finance Committee goals and fixing an incorrect email in Policy 522 (Title IX). Mr. Supernault seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

## VI. <u>Reports received by the Board</u>

### A. Executive Director Report

Dr. Wedlund updated the Board on three items. First, all licensed positions are full at this time. Second, we are a few days into staff development; he highlighted extending new faculty training to paraprofessionals and educational assistants beginning this year. There was discussion. Dr. Wedlund also reviewed the talk he gave to staff today on three areas for tweaks: onboarding, training, and retention of new staff; virtue instruction, and math proficiency. Last, he shared about coming up on the charter contract renewal date. It should come before the Board in September. There was discussion.

### B. Board Chair Report

Ms. Weston shared one update: Mr. Flesher is moving to California and will have to resign from the Board, most likely after September. There was discussion and many thanks to Mr. Flesher's work on the Board. The Governance Committee is tasked with identifying a new Community Member.

Ms. Weston also spoke about an upcoming training opportunity on how to be an advocate for Nova Classical and charter schools at a legislative level. She shared that she'll share some MSBA financial training opportunities for the Board; they aren't able to present specifically to us, but do have some evening online options.

### C. Board Committees

#### a. Governance Report

There was no discussion.

#### b. Budget and Finance Report

Mr. Sample gave some highlights of the June financials for the end of the past year including ADM, net balance, and ending fund balance. There was discussion,

c. **ED Review Committee**
There was no meeting this month.

d. **Academic Excellence Report**
There was no meeting this month.

**D. NPTO Report**
Thank you to the NPTO for the staff lunch today. It was a wonderful way to reconnect and to meet new colleagues.

**VII. <u>Business</u>**

**A. <u>Expansion Update</u>**
Mr. Prins shared an update including current progress, a few delays, and pick-up and drop-off plans to start the school year. There was discussion. Overall, we are still on schedule with the new building. There have been no official change orders in the past month, but we are anticipating a soil corrections change order in our favor. Mr. Prins also shared a summary of the budget, though there wasn't much change from last month. Over the next thirty days we should see the retention pond excavation, pouring concrete floors and ceilings in the new building, framing in the new building, adding the footings and piers for the skyway, and continuing the skyway connection prep on our existing second floor.

**B. <u>Oath of Office</u>**
Ms. Weston reviewed the oath of office, stemming from state legislation. At this time, this will be an annual event.

**C. <u>Cardiac Emergency Response Plan</u>**
Dr. Wedland gave background information about MN legislation saying that every school needed a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan consistent with the plan developed by MDE. However, there were some different expectations between the state statute and what MDE shared.

Ms. Lund, "Resolved, that the Board hereby adopts the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan; and
Further Resolved, that the Board directs the Executive Director to take all actions necessary to bring the School into compliance with the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan by the September 2026 Board meeting, including

the designation of a Crisis Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the procurement of portable automated external defibrillators (AEDs), as needed; and
Further Resolved, that the Executive Director shall report to the Board at its September 2026 meeting regarding the actions taken and the School's progress toward full compliance with the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan."
Ms. Hansen seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

## VIII. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, September 28, 2026.

## IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.