



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON
CATALYST ACADEMY

GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES

Monday October 6, 2025



I. Public Forum

A. No public comments were made.

II. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order and a quorum was established at 5:03 p.m.

A. Board Attendees: Susan Moore, Natalie Doemel, Jo Collar, Connie Neely and Kasey Kaepernick (by Google Meet).

Guests: Emily Marcus, Catalyst Teacher; Scott Bleck, District Administrator; Riley Schussler, NLHS Interim Co-Principal; Sarah Johnson, Director of Pupil Services

B. A quorum of the board was established with 5 of 5 members present.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Motion to approve the board minutes from 4/7/2025 by Jo Collar and seconded by Natalie Doemel; motion approved and passed.

IV. New Business

A. Monitoring Report

a. Attendance has been off to a good start (92.12% overall).

B. Upcoming Events

a. Pumpkin Carving for the city on 10/15/25

b. "Friendsgiving Potluck" in November

c. Hosting Youth at Rick Fox Valley group at Catalyst Academy on 10/16/25

d. Practice ACT for Juniors on 10/14 and 10/16/25

C. Current Enrollment

a. There are 10 Juniors and 20 Seniors, a total of 30 students attending Catalyst at this time.

D. Volunteer Opportunities

a. Students participate in multiple volunteer opportunities including: food pantry, Project Backpack and assisting with volunteering needs through the school district.

E. Course Offerings for the upcoming 25-26 school year

a. Traditional Courses include: Sociology, General English, Consumer Math and Civics

b. Online Courses include: General Science, Environmental Science, Remedial Math, US History, World History, Credit Recovery Courses, Career and Technical Education

c. Independent Study includes: Math for Trades, Math for Social Work, Novel Studies, GED Prep Courses

d. Other Courses include: Youth Apprenticeships, Work for credit,

Counseling for credit, Volunteer for credit

- F. Reminder of schedule of meeting dates for the 25-26 school year (at District Office unless otherwise noted)
 - a. October 6, 2025
 - b. December 1, 2025 (held at Catalyst Academy)
 - c. February 2, 2026
 - d. April 6, 2026
 - e. June 1, 2026

V. Adjournment- 5:27 pm, Motion to adjourn by Natalie Doemel, Second by Jo Collar. Motion Passed.

Minutes submitted by Connie Neely, Clerk