

HIGHER GROUND ACADEMY

Building Company Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2025

Call to Order: 10:10 a.m.

Roll Call: Samuel Yigzaw, Bert Wilson, Neliya Tkachenko and Alice McCastle

Approve Agenda

Samuel Yigzaw asked for motion to approve the agenda and motion to approve was made by Neliya Tkachenko seconded by Alice McCastle. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Samuel Yigzaw – Retire Mary Tate from the board because it is a conflict of interest for her to be on two boards. Alice McCastle is the replacement for Mary Tate. Samuel Yigzaw asked for motion to approve the Alice as the replacement for Mary Tate and motion to approve was made by Neliya Tkachenko seconded by Bert Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend Building Company By-laws

Samuel Yigzaw – A new statute, 2 sections need to be amended. We need five members not two. Board members can't be Building Company members.

Building Update

The gym floor in the Brewster building is completed, we will put fobs on the door accessing the gym room. After 6:00 p.m., no one shall be allowed in the Brewster Building the exception will be school sponsored events. We will also be reserving the gym at the Marshall and Brewster building for \$50 per hour on Saturday and Sunday only until 6:00 p.m. We will need approval for the collection of money for events held in the gym. Bert Wilson said that we might need special insurance for outside renters. Samuel Yigzaw asked for motion to approve the collection of money for renting the gym and motion to approve was made by Alice McCastle seconded by Neliya Tkachenko. Motion carried unanimously. Restroom have not been up dated because we didn't have sufficient bids. We did small work with the classroom tiles, maintenance and repairs this summer. We have covered the playground at the Marshall building with material for safety reasons. We agreed to bring in St. Paul Police Department to discuss safety with teachers. The middle school will move to a new location, which will be 260 Edmund Avenue; it has been vacant for a few years. We will lease for two or 3 years. The end goal is something bigger.

New Business

Samuel Yigzaw recommended scheduling upcoming meetings. We will meet one more time this school year and then in January and March of 2026. Alice will schedule the meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:37