

Lighthouse Academy Board of Directors

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Mission: *A safe harbor that provides innovative whole-child education and ensures success despite life's storms.*

Date: October 29, 2024

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Lighthouse Academy – South Campus
3330 36th St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call.** *Peter VanGeldereren called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.*
 - A. Board Members Present.** Peter VanGeldereren, Dr. Brenda King, Todd Penning, Aaron Toffoli, Angela Bunn, and Erica Galat.
 - B. Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** None.
 - C. Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Stacey Martinez, School Leader; Shea Williams, School Leader (joined at 12:30 p.m.); Lucas Yax, School Leader (attending virtually); Ronda Dyer, School Leader (attending virtually); Sherri Nash (attending virtually), School Leader (attending virtually); Matthew Milanowski, School Leader; and Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary (attending virtually and left at 12:22 p.m.).
- II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to approve the agenda was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar.**
 - A. Approval of September 24, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes.** *A motion to approve the September 24, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Erica Galat and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business.**
 - A. Board Member Needed.** *An additional board member is still needed, an ad has been placed on Facebook to aid in the search.*
- VI. New Business.**
 - A. Student Achievement: South Community (Stacey Martinez).** *Stacey Martinez presented the provided presentation with the Board which included Fall NWEA testing results.*
 - B. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman.** *Dr. Michele Siderman reported on the provided Board Communications and presented the Board with a 100% Compliance award.*

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1. School Safety Report Follow Up. *Dr. Michele Siderman reviewed her findings of the completed School Safety Checklist for the Muskegon Community Building with the Board.*
- C. FSU-CSO Full Reauthorization – Review Visitation Schedule. *Dr. Heidi Cate is working with the FSU-CSO office to finalize the schedule. Peter VanGelderren and Todd Penning will participate in the review.*
- D. DAN Updates. *There were no questions from the Board on the provided handout.*
- E. Barry County Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate updated the Board on current enrollment numbers.*
- F. Potential Expansion Opportunities. *Dr. Heidi Cate updated the Board on potential expansion opportunities, including Eagle Village Day Treatment, Muskegon Day Treatment and an Ottawa Community program.*
- G. Integrity Educational Services Reports.
 1. Financial Reports.
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the September financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the September check register was made by Todd Penning and supported by Erica Galat. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. FSU Competitive Grant. *Leslie Cummings notified the Board that an application for the FSU-CSO Competitive Grant will be submitted for approval.*
 - c. RFP for Annual Audits. *Leslie Cummings notified the Board that RFP's for the Annual Audits will need to be sent out prior to the end of the 2024-2025 school year. The Board was in agreement to include the firms which responded to the previous RFP.*
 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings invited the Board to attend Thanksgiving Meals with Team Members, the schedule for these meals was provided in the handouts.*

VII. Correspondence. *The Board received their Contract Performance Report from the FSU-CSO, which placed Lighthouse Academy at a Tier II.*

VIII. Extended Public Comment* (limited to non-agenda items only). *None.*

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date

December 3, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.
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3330 36th St SE
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X. Adjournment. *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.*

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Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors under Items II and IX above are requested to sign in with the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.

Complaints or concerns regarding Board members or school employees associated with the Academy shall first be addressed in writing and delivered to the Board President at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting or such complaints or concerns shall not be heard by the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner. (Source: Board Policy 0167.3)

Proposed minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection at the Integrity Educational Services Central office at 3300 36th Street, SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512, eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available within five (5) business days after the meeting at which they are approved (in accordance with Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267.

Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne
Recording Secretary

Date: 10/29/2024

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli
Board Secretary

Date: 12/03/2024