

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: December 3, 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, Todd Penning, Aaron Toffoli, Angela Bunn, and Erica Galat.
 - B. Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Dr. Brenda King.
 - C. Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Stacey Martinez, School Leader; Matthew Milanowski, School Leader; Shea Williams, School Leader; Ronda Dyer, School Leader (attending virtually); Sherri Nash (attending virtually), and Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary.
- II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to approve the agenda was made by Todd Penning and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar.**
 - A.** Approval of October 29, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes and November 8, 2024 Proposed Special Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the October 29, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes and the November 8, 2024 Proposed Special Meeting Minutes was made by Erica Galat and supported by Todd Penning. 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.** School Spotlight: Muskegon Community (Sherri Nash). *Sherri Nash presented the provided presentation with the Board.*
 - B.** FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reported on the provided Board Communication.*
 - C.** Review FSU-CSO CSP Report. *Lighthouse Academy will not receive this report.*

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- D. FSU-CSO Full Reauthorization – Confirm Visitation Schedule. *The Board confirmed the Visitation Schedule.*
- E. DAN Updates. *There were no questions from the Board on the provided handout.*
- F. Barry County Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate updated the Board on current enrollment numbers and space constraints.*
- G. Potential Expansion Opportunities Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate and Leslie Cummings updated the Board on potential expansion opportunities, including Wedgwood Day Treatment, Muskegon Day Treatment and an Ottawa Community program.*
- H. Integrity Educational Services Reports.
 - 1. Financial Reports.
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the October financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the October check register was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Erica Galat. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Approve Drinking Water Management Plans. *Leslie Cummings presented the Drinking Water Management Plans for the South and Muskegon Community sites to the Board. A motion to approve the Drinking Water Management Plans for South and Muskegon Community sites was made by Todd Penning and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - c. UIA Security Letter. *Leslie Cummings received communication from UIA on 12/02/2024 stating that no security letter is needed for the 2024-2025 school year.*
 - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on current recruiting efforts.*

VII. Correspondence. *The Board received a PSA Policy Review Report from Hylant Insurance, a letter from FSU-CSO identifying Lighthouse Academy as a Tier II school, and an award letter from FSU-CSO in regards to the 2024-2025 Charter Schools Office Competitive Grant Program.*

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

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date

January 28, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
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X. Adjournment. *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 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.

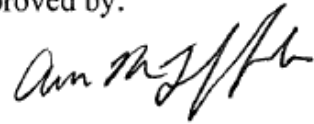
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne
Recording Secretary

Date: 12/03/2024

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli
Board Secretary

Date: 1/28/25