

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: August 27, 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 12:03 p.m.*
 - A. Board Members Present.** Peter VanGeldereren, Aaron Toffoli, Angela Bunn, and Dr. Brenda King.
 - B. Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Erica Galat and Todd Penning.
 - C. Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent (attending virtually); Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Chris Loiselle, Ferris State University Director of Charter Schools Office; Beth Taylor, Ferris State University School Support Specialist; Sharon Hopper, Ferris State University Compliance Auditor; Alyssa Myers, Secretary; Stacey Martinez, School Leader; Shea Williams, School Leader; Elisa DeMaar, ML Director; Lucas Yax, School Leader (attending virtually); Ronda Dyer, School Leader (attending virtually); Sherri Nash, School Leader (attending virtually); and Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary.
- II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to add "Approval of July 23, 2024 Proposed Organizational Meeting Minutes" under the Consent Calendar and "Approval of 2024-2025 Technology Services Agreement" under Financial Reports as well as approve the agenda was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Dr. Brenda King. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar.**
 - A.** *Approval of July 23, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion to change the date from July 24, 2024 to July 23, 2024 and approve the July 23, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - B.** *Approval of July 23, 2024 Proposed Organizational Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the July 23, 2024 Proposed Organizational Meeting Minutes was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business.**
 - A.** *Board Member Needed. An additional board member is still needed, an ad will be placed on Facebook to aid in the search.*

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VI. New Business.

- A. Student Achievement: WIDA Results (Elisa DeMaar). *Elisa DeMaar presented the provided presentation with the Board.*
- B. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reviewed the new Compliance Support Indicators that FSU-CSO will be using and reminded the Board of the upcoming Reauthorization this year. Members of the FSU-CSO in attendance were introduced to the Board.*
- C. Update on COGNIA Accreditation and FSU-CSO Mid-contract Self-assessments. *Dr Heidi Cate updated the Board on current efforts.*
- D. Approval of New Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation Courses. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the proposed courses with the Board. A motion to approve the Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation Courses was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Dr. Brenda King. The motion passed unanimously.*
- E. Approval of Board Policies. *There were no updates to the policies. A motion to approve the Board Policies was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*
- F. Approval of 2024-2025 School and District Improvement Plans. *A motion to approve all School and District Improvement Plans was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.*
- G. Approval of Education Goal Reports. *A motion to approve the Education Goal Reports was made by Dr. Brenda King and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*
- H. DAN Updates. *There were no questions from the Board on the provided handout.*
- I. Barry County Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate updated the Board on current enrollment numbers and community responses to Lighthouse Academy serving Barry County.*
- J. Integrity Educational Services Reports.
 - 1. Financial Reports.
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the July financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the July check register was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Dr. Brenda King. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Approval of 2024-2025 Technology Services Agreement. *A motion to approve the 2024-2025 Technology Services Agreement was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Dr. Brenda King. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported that Human Resources is still recruiting for a few positions across various sites. The Board supported the proposed 1.65% lumpsum salary increase for staff.*

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VII. Correspondence. *Dr. Heidi Cate invited the Board to attend the MAPSA Symposium being held in December this year.*

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

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date

September 24, 2024 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 1:13 p.m.*

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: 8/27/2024

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli
Board Secretary

Date: 9/27/24

