

**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 26, 2021

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.

**Place:** Lighthouse Academy – North Campus  
1260 Ekhart St NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call.** *Peter VanGeldereren called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m..*

**Board Members Present** Peter VanGeldereren, Aaron Toffoli, Todd Penning and Gregory Lambert.

**Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Angela Bunn, Robert VanWieren and Dr. Brenda King.

**Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, IES Executive Director; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Stacey Martinez, Assistant Superintendent of Community Youth School Programs; Lucas Yax, Assistant Superintendent of Juvenile Justice and Youth Residential Programs; Matthew Milanowski, School Principal; 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 Greg Lambert and supported by Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously.*

**IV. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of September 28, 2021 Proposed Regular and Special Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the September 28, 2021 Proposed Regular and Special Meeting Minutes was made by Todd Penning and supported by Greg Lambert. The motion passed unanimously.*

**V. Old Business.** *None.*

**VI. New Business**

A. School Spotlight (Lucas Yax) – Lighthouse Academy Waalkes, Pier, JDC and South Residential. *Lucas Yax and Matt Milanowski presented a summary of residential and JJ programs including obtained objectives/credits per site and the new program with Goodwill for job skills and job placement.*

B. DAN Updates. *Dr. Heidi Cate gave an update on current DAN efforts.*

C. Strategic Planning Updates. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed suggested criteria of candidates who could be considered for a proposed program designed to increase the Teacher pipeline.*

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D. Integrity Educational Services Reports.

1. Financial Reports.

- a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the September financial reports with the Board.*
- b. Finalized Audit Report. *Leslie Cummings provided an update on the resolution of the rounding issues in the Audited Financial Statements from the last board meeting. A motion to approve the 2020-2021 audit statements was made by Todd Penning and supported by Greg Lambert. The motion pass unanimously.*

2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on the status of current recruiting efforts.*

E. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report–Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Siderman reviewed the Ferris Board Communication and Contract Performance Report with the Board.*

**VII. Correspondence.** *None.*

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

**IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date**

November 23, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.  
Lighthouse Academy - North  
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**X. Adjournment.** *A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peter VanGelderren and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 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)*

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Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne  
Recording Secretary

Date: 10/26/2021

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli  
Board Secretary

Date: 11-23-21

