

# 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:** April 26, 2022

**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, Angela Bunn and Dr. Brenda King.

**Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Robert VanWieren and Steven Bossenbroek II.

**Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, IES Executive Director; Dr. Michele Sideman, FSU Representative; Stacey Martinez, Assistant Superintendent of Community Youth School Programs; Matthew Milanowski, School Principal; Ronda Dyer, School Principal (virtual); Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary and Marci Lewandowski-Jenkins; Member of the Public.

**II. Public Comment\* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*

**III. Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to add "Expulsion Appeal Decision" under New Business and approve the agenda was made by Todd Penning and supported by Dr. Brenda King. The motion passed unanimously.*

**IV. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of March 29, 2022 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the March 29, 2022 Proposed Regular Minutes was made by Todd Penning and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

**VI. New Business**

A. School Spotlight – Lighthouse Academy North, South and JJI (Stacey Martinez). *Stacey Martinez reviewed the current testing taking place in the community programs, as well as attendance and behavior trends.*

B. Expulsion Appeal Decision. *Stacey Martinez presented the Board with an appeal to a recent expulsion decision. The Board reviewed the events leading to the original decision to expel the student. A motion to proceed with the expulsion was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.*

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C. DAN and Strategic Plan Updates. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the updated Strategic Plan document included in the Board package.*

D. Integrity Educational Services Reports.

1. Financial Reports.

- a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the monthly reports for March with the Board. Due to the relocation of the North campus to the South campus, there is a need to purchase and install 15 smartboards at the South community building. A motion to approve the purchase of 15 smartboards, in the amount of \$65,445.00 subject to any vendor pricing changes, for the South campus was made by Dr. Brenda King and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*
- b. 2022-2023 School Year Draft Budget. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the draft 2022-2023 budget with the Board in anticipation of the next Board Meeting. A request was made to increase the Dual-Enrollment expenditures. A motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Timeline Resolution was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously.*
- c. IES Services Agreement. *Leslie Cummings presented the Ferris CSO non-disapproval letter to the Board. A motion to approve the IES ESP Services Agreement was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously.*
- d. LA-South Community Lease. *Leslie Cummings presented the Board with an amendment to the LA-South Community lease which would allow for renewal on a year-to-year basis. A motion to submit the amendment to Ferris for review was made by Todd Penning and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Leslie Cummings also presented the Board with an amendment to the LA-North lease which would extend the lease for one month, this would allow for the necessary time to finish moving the campus. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Dr. Brenda King and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie reported that recruiting for the new Muskegon location has begun. The EMC/CTE Program Director, Curriculum Director and EL Director positions have been filled. In addition to the positions discussed in the Dan and Strategic Plan Updates, IES has also filled the Human Resources Generalist opening.*

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

**VII. Correspondence. None.**

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

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

May 24, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.  
Lighthouse Academy - North  
1260 Ekhart St. NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**X. Adjournment.** *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Penning and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 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 Hope Academy of West Michigan/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.)*

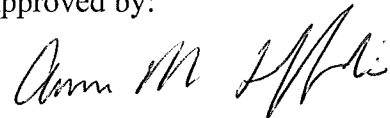
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne  
Recording Secretary

Date: 04/26/2022

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli  
Board Secretary

Date: 5-24-22

