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: June 23, 2026
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: Lighthouse Academy – South Campus
3330 36th St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

A. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** *Aaron Toffoli called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.*

B. **Board Members Present.** *Aaron Toffoli, Angela Bunn, Dr. Brenda King and Erica Galat.*

C. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** *Peter VanGelderen, Patrese Davis-Beckford and Todd Penning*

D. **Others Present.** *Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Siderman, Ferris CSO Representative; Shea Williams, School Leader; Stacey Martinez, School Leader; Laurie Strach, General Accountant; Lucas Yax, School Leader; Ronda Dyer (virtual), School Leader; Matt Milanowski, School Leader; Kimberly Lowe, potential new Board member.*

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

III. Approval of Agenda. *A motion was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Erica Galat to approve the agenda with the addition to Old Business: Application of Kimberly Lowe to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Consent Calendar.

A. Approval of the May 19, 2026 Proposed Regular Board Meeting Minutes. *A motion was made by Erica Galat to approve the May 19, 2026 Regular and Budget Hearing meeting minutes. The motion was supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

B. DAN update. *A handout was provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*

V. Old Business. Application of Kimberly Lowe. *A motion was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Dr. Brenda King to forward Kimberly Lowe's application for Board membership to the FSU Board of Trustees for approval. The motion passed unanimously.*

VI. New Business.

A. Student Achievement – Waalkes, The Pier, The Port and Ottawa JDC. *A handout was provided to the Board. School leaders, Matt Milanowski and Lucas Yax, shared successes of the programs with accompanying data from the IXL learning tool.*

B. FSU-CSO Updates and/or Report. *Dr. Michele Siderman indicated that there was no update for the month of June.*

C. Updates: Barry and Cedar Springs community buildings; Bethany CS Program. *Dr. Heidi Cate provided an update on Juvenile diversion work that will impact enrollment for all of the community programs. Dr. Cate also provided an update on the planned start of the Bethany program. Leslie Cummings updated the Board on the construction of the Barry and Cedar Springs community buildings. A Change Order from the Cedar Springs general contractor was provided the Board to extend the substantial completion date to October 1, 2026. A motion was made by Erica Galat and supported by Angela Bunn to approve the change order. The motion passed unanimously.*

D. Integrity Educational Services Reports

1. Finance reports

a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the May 2026 financial statements. Dr. Brenda King made a motion to accept the May 2026 check register. The motion was supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

b. 2025-26 Final Budget. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the 2025-26 final budget. A motion was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Dr. Brenda King to approve the 2025-26 final budget. The motion passed unanimously.*

c. Barry Transport. *The Board was provided a copy of the agreement from Barry County Transit for student transportation services. Leslie Cummings also shared the Kent ISD Technology contract for 2026-27 with the Board for approval. Motions were made by Erica Galat and supported by Dr. Brenda King to approve the two agreements. The motions passed unanimously.*

d. Food Service update – Cedar Springs. *Leslie Cummings updated the Board regarding the agreement between Hope Academy of West Michigan and Lighthouse Academy. Their food service provider, SFE, will provide cold breakfast and lunch that will be staged at Lighthouse Academy – South and transported by staff to Cedar Springs.*

e. Review and approve financial and internal control policies. *The Board was provided handouts prior to the meeting. Leslie Cummings reviewed a few updates to the Internal Control Policies and the Purchasing and Reimbursement Procedures. A motion was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Erica Galat to approve the updated policies as presented. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings shared that there were a few open positions being recruited for 2026-27, however, the new sites will have a least one or two experienced Lighthouse staff transferring to each location.*

E. Board Development Credits/Reports. *No update.*

VII. Correspondence. *Correspondence included a memo from FSU regarding the QPRG audit report and the school's successful results. Also included was a memo from FSU regarding the request to establish the Bethany site. This request will be presented at the FSU October 2026 Board of Trustees meeting.*

VIII. Extended Public Comment. *None.*

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular and Organizational Meeting Date.
July 28, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.
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X. Adjournment. *A motion was made by Angela Bunn to adjourn the meeting and it was supported by Erica Galat. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:00 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:
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Laurie Strach
Recording Secretary
Date: 7/28/26

Approved by:
Angel Bunn
Board Secretary
Date: 7/28/26