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: July 28, 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.** *The meeting started at 12:11 p.m. as an informational meeting. Once a quorum of the Board was present, the Board held the Organizational meeting. Aaron Toffoli called the Regular Board meeting to order following the Organizational meeting.*

B. **Board Members Present.** *Aaron Toffoli, Angela Bunn, Todd Penning and Patrese Davis-Beckford (arrived at 12:20 p.m.).*

C. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** *Dr. Brenda King, Erica Galat*

D. **Others Present.** *Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent (virtual); Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Siderman, Ferris CSO Representative; Shea Williams, School Leader; Laurie Strach, Recording Secretary; Ronda Dyer (virtual), 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 Todd Penning to approve the agenda with the addition to Integrity Educational Services Reports: FOIA policy and Audit Questionnaire. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Consent Calendar.

A. Approval of the June 23, 2026 Proposed Regular Board Meeting Minutes. *A motion was made by Patrese Davis-Beckford to approve the June 23, 2026 Regular Board 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.*

C. Strategic Plan Quarterly Update. *A handout was provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*

V. Old Business. *None*

VI. New Business.

A. Student Achievement – Report out on Juvenile Justice Diversion Local Administrative Policy (Heidi). *Dr. Heidi Cate provided an update on the Diversion policy.*

B. FSU-CSO Updates and/or Report. *Dr. Michele Siderman shared that FSU Charter School Office received COGNIA accreditation with merit designation. She also reminded the Board to complete the Stakeholder Survey for the FSU Charter School Office.*

C. Updates: Barry and Cedar Springs community buildings; Bethany CS Program. *Dr. Heidi Cate provided an update on the Bethany Program and provided the target dates for the first day of instruction for Cedar and Barry. Leslie Cummings updated the Board on the construction of the Barry and Cedar Springs community buildings.*

D. Integrity Educational Services Reports

1. Finance reports

a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the June 2026 preliminary financial statements. Todd Penning made a motion to accept the June 2026 check register. The motion was supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

b. Food Service Update. *Leslie Cummings shared an update on the Cedar Springs food service program.*

c. Edgenuity annual renewal quote. *The Board was provided a copy of the agreement from Image Learning for remote learning licenses for a cost of $70,710. A motion was made by Todd Penning and supported by Angela Bunn to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.*

d. FOIA Policy. *A new policy and the accompanying forms were provided to the Board. A motion to approve the policy and related documents was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously.*

e. Audit Questionnaire. *The Board was provided a handout prior to the meeting. The Board completed the questionnaire.*

2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings shared the current leadership changes and staff recruiting efforts.*

E. Board Development Credits/Reports. *None.*

VII. Correspondence. *None.*

VIII. Extended Public Comment. *None.*

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.

August 25, 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 Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:08 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:

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Laurie Strach
Recording Secretary

Date: 8/25/26

Approved by:

Angela Bunn

Angel Bunn
Board Secretary

Date: 8/25/24