

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 28, 2025

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.** *Peter VanGeldereren called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.*

B. **Board Members Present.** *Aaron Toffoli, Peter VanGeldereren, Patrese Davis-Beckford, Angela Bunn, and Todd Penning.*

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

D. **Others Present.** *Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Sideman, FSU Representative; Shea Williams, School Leader; Matt Milanowski, School Leader; Lucas Yax, School Leader (virtual); Stacey Martinez, School Leader; Ronda Dyer, School Leader (virtual); Laurie Strach, General Accountant*

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

III. **Approval of Agenda.** *A motion was made by Angela Bunn and was supported by Patrese Davis-Beckford to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. **Consent Calendar.**

A. **Approval of September 23, 2025 Proposed Regular Board Meeting Minutes.** *A motion was made by Todd Penning to approve the September 23, 2025 meeting minutes for the Regular Board meeting. The motion was supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

V. **Old Business.**

A. **Resolution for Recording Secretary.** *A motion was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Peter VanGeldereren to approve the resolution naming Laurie Strach as the Recording Secretary for the Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously.*

VI. **New Business.**

A. **Thrun Law Powerschool Litigation Resolution.** *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the potential class action lawsuit against Powerschool for the data breach. The Board decided not to pursue action. Dr. Cate also reviewed the Section 31aa information sent from Thrun. A motion was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Angela Bunn to allow Peter VanGeldereren to connect with Thrun to discuss the implications of applying for the funding. The motion passed unanimously.*

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B. Update Barry and Muskegon community buildings; Ingham County RFP for day treatment program and the potential North Kent County site. *Dr. Heidi Cate shared that there was not an update on Ingham County and there had been little progress on filling the Muskegon community building. The non-binding LOI and the resolution for the Ferris Board of Trustees to consider a new site related to the potential North Kent County site were reviewed by the Board along with the Growth Management narrative and the budget. A motion was made by Peter VanGelderren and supported by Todd Penning to send the resolution to the Ferris Board of Trustees and to begin work on a draft lease document. The motion passed unanimously. Leslie Cummings reviewed the Barry County lease and construction contract with the Board. A motion was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Aaron Toffoli to send these documents to the FSU CSO for review and non-disapproval. The motion passed unanimously.*

C. Integrity Educational Services Reports.

1. Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the September 2025 financial statements. Todd Penning made a motion to accept the September 2025 check register and the motion was supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*
2. FSU-CSO Competitive Grant. *Leslie Cummings shared the FSU-CSO competitive grant application requesting funding for safety equipment for the new sites. A motion was made by Peter VanGelderren and supported by Aaron Toffoli to approve the application as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.*
3. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings shared that most positions have been filled. She also provided the Board with the dates of the holiday staff events and invited them to attend.*

D. FSU-CSO. *Dr. Michele Siderman discussed key points of the monthly FSU Board update report.*

E. DAN Update. *The DAN Update was provided to the Board in the meeting handouts. No further discussion took place.*

F. Student Achievement – South Community. *Stacey Martinez reviewed the monthly summary including NWEA results and behavior data.*

G. Board Development Credits/Reports. *None for the month.*

VII. Correspondence. *None other than the Thrun notices previously discussed.*

VIII. Extended Public Comment. *None.*

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.

December 9, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
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- X. Adjournment.** *A motion was made by Aaron Toffoli to adjourn the meeting and it was supported by Angela Bunn. 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)

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.

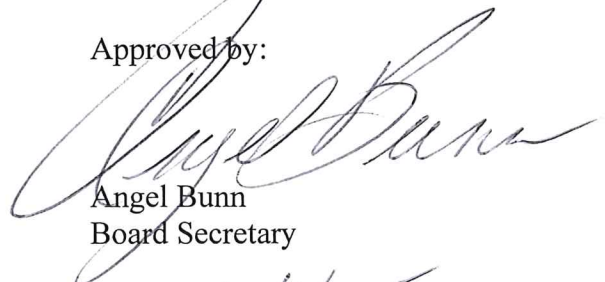
Submitted by:



Laurie Strach
Recording Secretary

Date: 12/9/25

Approved by:



Angel Bunn
Board Secretary

Date: 12/9/25

