

Lighthouse Academy Board of Directors

Approved Special Meeting Minutes

Mission: *A safe harbor that provides innovative whole-child education and ensures success despite life's storms.*

Date: November 12, 2025

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Lighthouse Academy – South Campus
3330 36th St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

I. Call to Order and Roll Call. *Peter VanGeldereren called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.*

A. Board Members Present. Peter VanGeldereren, Dr. Brenda King, Angela Bunn, and Erica Galat.

B. Board Members Absent (with prior notice). Todd Penning, Aaron Toffoli and Patrese Davis-Beckford.

C. Others Present. Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Ronda Dyer, School Leader (virtual) and Michele Sideman, FSU CSO Representative (virtual).

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

III. Approval of Agenda. *A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item in New Business to discuss a new opportunity in Muskegon was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Dr. Brenda King. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Consent Calendar. *None.*

V. Old Business. *None.*

VI. New Business.

A. Approval of Addition of Barry County Site. *Dr. Heidi Cate discussed that the change of address had been approved by the Ferris Board of Trustees. A motion was made by Dr. Brenda King to approve the addition of the Barry County site and was supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

B. Approval of Barry County Lease. *The lease was sent in advance of the meeting. Leslie Cummings reviewed the changes to the lease including the definition of when the lease would begin along with some minor mailing address corrections. A motion to approve the lease was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Peter VanGeldereren. The motion passed unanimously.*

C. Approval of Barry County Construction Contract. *The contract was sent in advance of the meeting. Leslie Cummings reviewed the addition of the liquidated damages section along with the attachment of the general construction company bid as Exhibit A. A motion to approve the contract was made by Dr. Brenda King and supported by Erica Galat. The motion passed unanimously.*

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D. Muskegon ISD Opportunity. *Dr. Heidi Cate discussed a possible opportunity to partner with the Muskegon ISD to support students needing more intense group therapy. The Board was supportive pending additional details.*

VII. Correspondence. *None.*

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

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date

December 9, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
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Grand Rapids, MI 49512

X. Adjournment. *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Erica Galat and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 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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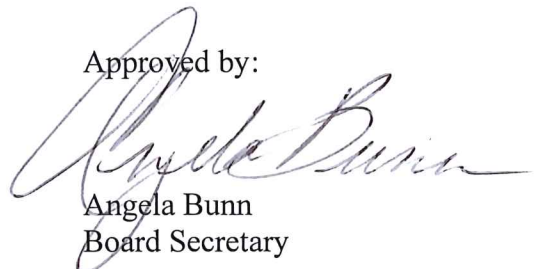
Submitted by:



Leslie Cummings
On Behalf of the Recording Secretary

Date: : 12/9/2025

Approved by:



Angela Bunn
Board Secretary

Date: 12/9/25