

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: March 25, 2025

Time: 12:00 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 12:07 p.m.*

A. **Board Members Present.** Peter VanGeldereren, Todd Penning, Aaron Toffoli, Angela Bunn, and Erica Galat.

B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Dr. Brenda King.

C. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Sideman, FSU Representative; Lucas Yax, Assistant Superintendent for Residential and Juvenile Justice Programs (virtual); Stacey Martinez, School Leader; Shea Williams, School Leader, Ronda Dyer, School Leader (virtual); Sherri Nash, School Leader (virtual) and Tracy Clawson, Recording Secretary.

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

III. Approval of Agenda: *A motion to approve the agenda was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Consent Calendar.

A. Approval of February 25, 2025 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve was made by Todd Penning and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

V. Old Business.

A. Board Member Needed: *The Board reviewed and discussed the submitted resumes and applications for the Board of Directors. A motion to send Patrese Davis-Beckford's application to the FSU-CSO Board of Trustees for approval was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

VI. New Business.

A. Resolution to change board recording secretary to Tracy Clawson: *The Board was presented with a resolution to change the board recording secretary to Tracy Clawson. Aaron Toffoli made the motion to accept the change and the motion was supported by Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously.*

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- B. School Spotlight: Eagle Village. *Ronda Dyer presented the provided handout with the Board and discussed several highlights regarding student programming, and the facilities for Eagle Village.*
- C. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report - Dr. Michele Siderman: *Dr. Michele Siderman provided Board Communications prior to the meeting. No further discussion was needed.*
- D. Review Board feedback survey results: *Dr. Michele Siderman discussed the results of the recent board and ESP surveys. She outlined areas of interest and discussed potential future board professional development opportunities.*
- E. Review and Approve FSU-CSU Terms, Conditions, and Bylaws: *The FSU terms, conditions, and bylaws were reviewed. A motion for approval was made by Angela Bunn. The motion was supported by Erica Galat. The motion passed unanimously.*
- F. DAN Updates. *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
- G. Update on Barry County Lease Agreement: *This agenda item for Barry County was informational only as the status of the lease was addressed by Leslie Cummings. IES will continue to work through the lease terms and conditions in the upcoming weeks, and will keep the board updated on the status regularly.*
- H. Review and Approve Muskegon Lease Agreement: *The new lease agreement was reviewed for approval. A motion to approve the lease was made by Todd Penning. The motion was supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion was passed unanimously.*
- I. Integrity Educational Services Reports.
 - 1. Financial Reports.
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the February 2025 financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the February check register was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Erin Galat. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Review of the Draft 2025-2026 Budget. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the budget assumptions for the draft 2025-26 budget with the Board. The Board will bring any questions or potential changes to the April meeting.*
 - c. Review ESP Agreement for 2025-2026. *Leslie Cummings discussed the 2025-26 ESP agreement, which had been reviewed by Thrun Law firm. A motion was made to approve the ESP Agreement by Aaron Toffoli, and the motion was supported by Todd Penning. The motion was passed unanimously.*
 - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings discussed the upcoming educator appreciation week.*
- J. Board Development Credits/Reports – *None*

VII. Correspondence: *None*

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VIII. Extended Public Comment: *None*

IX. Reconfirmation of Strategic Special Meeting followed by the Next Regular Meeting

April 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. (Regular Meeting immediately following)

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X. Adjournment. *The meeting adjourned at 1:29 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:



Tracy Clawson
Recording Secretary

Date:

4/28/25

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli
Board Secretary

Date:

4/29/25

