

Lighthouse Academy Board of Directors
Approved Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes

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

Date: April 29, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Kent ISD KCTC West Multi-Purpose Room
1655 East Beltline Ave., NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Peter VanGeldereren called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

A. Board Members Present: Peter VanGeldereren, Todd Penning, Aaron Toffoli, Angela Bunn, Dr. Brenda King, and Erica Galat

B. Board Members Absent (with notice): None

C. Others Present: Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Lucas Yax, Assistant Superintendent; Stacey Martinez, School Leader; Shea Williams (virtual), School Leader; Sherri Nash (virtual), School Leader; Ronda Dyer, School Leader; Matt Milanowski, School Leader; Angela Graham (virtual), SPED Director; Laura Otten, Kent ISD Continuous Improvement Consultant; and Tracy Clawson, Recording Secretary.

D. Others Present Cont.: Various individuals from Lighthouse Academies' community partner organizations joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and left the meeting at 11:30 a.m. including Tim Nelson (virtual), Waalkes Detention; Hannah Werth (virtual), REC; Rachel Melville (virtual), Muskegon County; Dave Pelon (virtual), Barry County; Jeremy Prudhomme (virtual), Eagle Village; Dawn Harvey (virtual), Wedgwood; Chris Burgess, Kent County; Jenny Nielson (virtual), REC; Khalia Twork (virtual), Muskegon County; Ben Brandt, Eagle Village; Chad Sexton, Eagle Village

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

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

IV. Consent Calendar: *None*

V. Old Business:

A. Mission, vision, values review: *The Board reviewed and discussed the mission, vision, and values of Lighthouse Academy. No changes were made.*

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B. Review current strategic plan goals and progress

1. Review in terms of scale, capacity, and fidelity: *Current strategic goals were reviewed by the Board and discussion took place regarding any updates that should be made to the goals.*

C. Review FSU-CSO reauthorization report, Cognia report, and Board and ESP Evaluation results, Crosswalk document, Main strengths and growth areas and themes document: *These various documents were reviewed and discussed by the Board to help identify various areas of progress, strengths, and future needs and goals.*

Break: *Break from 9:50-10:00 a.m.*

D. Establish future strategic plan goals.

1. Other stakeholder feedback (students, families, staff): *The Board, school staff, and community partners participated in discussion regarding feedback from various Lighthouse Academy stakeholder groups.*
2. How to continue to monitor progress: *The Board, school staff, and community partners participated in discussion regarding ways that progress can be monitored in a measurable and meaningful way. There was also discussion around how to include stakeholder feedback in ways that will contribute to effectively monitoring progress of the strategic goals.*

E. Board Governance document(s)

1. Reflect on the Board evaluation: *The Board evaluation was discussed in further detail.*
2. Roles and responsibilities (Board vs. ESP): *The responsibilities and level on Board engagement and expectations were identified.*
3. How to engage with stakeholders: *The Board shared thoughts and ideas of ways to more effectively engage in various district stakeholder groups.*

VI. Correspondence: *None.*

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

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VII. Regular Board Meeting (immediately following strategic planning meeting):

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VIII. Adjournment: *A motion was made by Aaron Toffoli to adjourn the meeting and was supported by Angela Bunn. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.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:



Tracy Clawson
Recording Secretary

Date: 5/20/2025

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli
Board Secretary

Date: 5/20/2025