

Lighthouse Academy Board of Directors

Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Date: July 29, 2025

Time: Approximately 12:00 p.m. – Immediately following the Organizational Meeting

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 12:10 p.m.*

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

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

D. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent (virtual); Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Stacey Martinez, School Leader; Shea Williams, School Leader; Matt Milanowski, School Leader; Lucas Yax, School Leader (virtual); and Tracy Clawson, Recording Secretary.

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

III. **Approval of Agenda.** *A motion was made by Angela Bunn and was supported by Aaron Toffoli to approve the agenda with the understanding that the school achievement report (item A) would need to be moved down the agenda to take place before the IES reports section (item H). The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. **Consent Calendar.**

A. Approval of June 24, 2025 Proposed Regular Board Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the June 24, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Patrese Davis-Beckford. The motion passed unanimously.*

V. **Old Business.** *None*

VI. **New Business.**

A. Student Achievement. *Shea Williams presented the new Beacon program which is a collaboration between Lighthouse Academy and The Kent County Juvenile Detention Center.*

B. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report. *Nothing to report.*

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

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- D. Review Stakeholder Feedback and Draft Board Strategic Plan Goals: *Dr. Heidi Cate discussed stakeholder feedback regarding Lighthouse programs. She also discussed the draft strategic goals. A motion was made by Aaron Toffoli to approve the changes to the strategic goals as discussed and was supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*
- E. Update Barry, Ingham, and North Kent County Locations. *Dr. Heidi Cate updated the Board on the Barry County site, a potential new site in North Kent County and the RFP submitted to Ingham County for their day treatment program.*
- F. Board Policies Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate discussed the Board policies. Aaron Toffoli made a motion to reaffirm the Board policies with no changes and it was supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*
- G. Board Development Credits/Reports. *None.*
- H. Integrity Educational Services Reports.
 - 1. Financial Reports
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the June 2025 preliminary financial reports. Angela Bunn made a motion to approve the June 2025 check register and it was supported by Patrese Davis-Beckford. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Food Service Policies. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the school food service policies with the Board.*
 - c. Approval of Edgenuity contract for 2025-2026: *Angela Bunn made a motion to approve the contract for Edgenuity software services for the 2025-2026 school year and it was supported by Peter VanGelderren. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - d. Comprehensive Therapy 2025-2026 Service Agreement: *Leslie Cummings reviewed with the Board the 2025-2026 service agreement for Comprehensive Therapy Services. Aaron Toffoli made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Comprehensive Therapy Services Agreement and it was supported by Peter VanGelderren. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - 2. Human Resources: *Leslie Cummings updated the Board on the current recruiting efforts for teacher vacancies at the Muskegon Community, Ottawa Juvenile Justice, and Eagle Village sites.*

VII. Correspondence.

- A. *Dr. Heidi Cate informed the Board of her receipt of a letter from MDE approving the reauthorization of Lighthouse Academy.*
- B. *Dr. Heidi Cate and Leslie Cummings informed the Board of a legal claim made by a former staff member at Eagle Village.*

VIII. Extended Public Comment. None.

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IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular and Organizational Board Meeting Date.

August 26, 2025 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 Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:02 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: 8/1/25

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli
Board Secretary

Date: 8-26-25

