

WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY**407 East Fort - Suite 201****Detroit, MI 48226****Telephone: 313.638.2716****Fax: 313.638.2717****REGULAR MEETING
WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS****DATE: 1/28/2023****TIME: 2:15 pm****Dickenson Wright****500 WOODWARD****SUITE 4000****DETROIT, MI 48226****APPROVED****MINUTES****MEETING TYPE: ☐ REGULAR ☒ SPECIAL ☐ PROPOSED ☒ APPROVED****I. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. called the meeting to order at 2:21 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M. on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gregory Brown, Jr., President, Board of Directors

☒ Present☐ Absent

Mrs. Amy Long, Vice-President, Board of Directors

☒ Present☐ Absent

Mrs. Mandi Bogart, Secretary, Board of Directors

☒ Present☐ Absent

Mr. Jesse Donoghue, Treasurer, Board of Directors

☒ Present☐ Absent**ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. James Middleditch, Director of Programs, WAY Michigan Academy (virtual)

OTHERS PRESENT (*all or a portion of the meeting*)

Mrs. Vanessa Gulley, Board Liaison, Provision

Ms. Jennifer Joubert, Authorizer Representative, The Center for Charters, CMU

THE PROPOSED AGENDA WAS DISTRIBUTED.

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I. PUBLIC COMMENT *(on agenda items only)*

No public comment.

II. APPROVAL OF THE Saturday, January 28, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA, MOVING OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD TO ITEM IV ON THE AGENDA.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

III. APPROVAL OF THE Wednesday, November 16, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE Wednesday, November 16, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 2:23 PM AS PERMITTED BY SECTION 8H OF THE OMA.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION AT 2:36 PM.

SUPPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

- a. MOTION:** PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO PAY ALL OUTSTANDING INVOICES DUE TO DICKINSON WRIGHT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,974.08 AND ALL OUTSTANDING INVOICES TO PROVISION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

- b. VICE PRESIDENT LONG** disclosed that she would like to read a statement, noting:
“I wanted to address the board and everyone present at the meeting today to say that unfortunately as a board, with a heavy heart we want to announce that it's in the best interest of the students of WAY MICH, as a volunteer board, to consider what kind of education students are receiving. Some of the members have been in service to the

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academy for a really long time; PRESIDENT BROWN and I have been here almost since the beginning. Mandy and Jesse have been with the academy board for a long time as well. The board has given a lot of time, hours, and work trying to get the WAY management company and the authorizer to support our accountability

efforts that the board agreed to as volunteer board members. As volunteer servants, the board really wanted to try and just make everything work. We've tried to hold the management company responsible, we've tried to have mistakes rectified, and we've asked for many corrective actions. But despite our repeated and consistent efforts over a pretty long period of time, we really feel like that just hasn't occurred. We haven't gotten the results we've been looking for and I think I can speak for myself to say personally it's been frustrating to feel so ineffective and to feel like we're letting the students down. This has weighed on me very heavily as a mom and as a person who values what we're doing for the youth.”

MOTION: WE ARE COLLECTIVELY DECIDING AS A BOARD THAT WE ARE NO LONGER CHOOSING TO BE ALIGNED WITH WAY MI AND ARE MAKING A MOTION TO COLLECTIVELY RESIGN AS A BOARD FOR THE REASONS GIVEN ABOVE AND LISTED IN THE FORMAL LETTER OF RESIGNATION, STATING THAT WE WILL BE FORMALLY RESIGNING TODAY, SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH AS OF 5:00 O'CLOCK PM.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

VI. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:41 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

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MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,




Recording Secretary

1/28/2023

Date

Approved by the WAY Michigan Academy Board of Directors:



Conservator

2/21/2023

Date

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