

**W-A-Y Michigan**  
407 East Fort St., Ste. 201  
Detroit, MI 48226  
313-444-9292

**Board of Directors' Annual Meeting**

**Date: November 29, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

I. Call to Order by the President at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Brown   X  

Hines   X  

Muscat   X  

II. Approval of Agenda

Christine Muscat requested to add a Q&A for potential new board members to the agenda. (Item #3 under New Business)

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Thea Hines to approve the agenda as amended. Approved unanimously.

III. Call to the Public

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None.

IV. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting October 30, 2017

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Gregory Brown to approve the October 30, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Approved unanimously.

V. Educational Service Provider Report  
Superintendent/Director

Jennifer Hernandez shared information on enrollment at WAY Michigan. A spreadsheet was providing showing breakdown by grade level.

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We are now doing about 10 live sessions per week. After each session, staff are following up with researchers to ensure all are turning in work and completing the project.

Ms. Hernandez shared information on credit attainment with our WAY Michigan researchers.

Two students are dual enrolled (One is attending Kensington Valley Community College, and the other is attending Macomb County Community College).

WAY Michigan received a \$10,000 Title IV grant to purchase ALEXS, Let's Go Learn, and provide a Stipend for a College and Career Coach.

We've graduated nearly 20 researchers this fall.

Ms. Hines asked if there is a plan for the researchers who are showing low credit attainment. Ms. Hernandez shared that she is working closely with staff to boost the credit attainment and shared on supports that have been put in place to increase the researcher credit attainment.

Discussion was held around researchers and their lack of interest in having a graduation ceremony.

## VI. Treasurer Report

### A. Discussion Items:

#### 1. October 2017 Financial Reports

Kelli Glenn shared the October 2017 Financial Reports with the board and provided a handout to them. Ms. Glenn went through the financial report with the board and shared on items they should always be checking when reviewing the monthly Financial Reports. Ms. Glenn shared she will be presenting a budget amendment at the next board meeting reflecting pupil enrollment. Board asked for update as to whether or not we are wrapped up at the Pontiac site. Ms. Glenn shared the only outstanding item for the Pontiac site is a security deposit, which should be coming back to the Academy soon. Board asked for an update on the WAY Michigan site at the Globe Building. Ms. Glenn shared we are currently negotiating the lease for this space. Ms. Glenn shared that once the lease has been negotiated, it will be presented to the board for approval.

### B. Actions Items:

#### 1. Accept October 2017 Financial Reports

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Thea Hines to accept the October 2017 Financial Report as presented. Approved unanimously.

## VII. Correspondence

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Jennifer Hernandez shared on the non-compliance corrective action report that she had to submit to Central Michigan University. She shared that the CMU representative shared that Ms. Hernandez would need to address these issues student by student in the corrective action report. Ms. Hernandez asked Ms. Brown (CMU) for guidance on establishing a process to assess the new students who enroll at the end of the testing cycle. Ms. Brown shared she would not be able to provide guidance on this and referred Ms. Hernandez to call Sherry Betcher at CMU directly for additional guidance. Board requested an update once Ms. Hernandez has contacted Sherry Betcher.

VIII. Central Michigan University liaison updates

Megan Brown provided Gregory Brown with his wall and name plaque(s) offering congratulations to him as the newest board member.

Ms. Brown shared that the current CMU executive director is retiring (Cindy Shumacher). Corey Northup will be transitioning into this role as an interim position.

CMU is still working on Continued Board Development and will be offering a webinar on December 11, 2017 at 4:00 pm. The webinar will be discussing Board governance and structure.

IX. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:

None.

B. Action Items:

None.

X. New Business

A: Discussion Items:

1. Charter Contract Amendment No. 7

Ms. Hernandez shared this information with the board and shared we currently have this in our contract. We will need this information to be included in the new contract.

2. Organization Meeting Actions – Election of Officers and Motions (Motions List attached)

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3. Q&A for potential new board members

David Frankel spoke to the board and shared his background information. Mr. Frankel has retired from Wayne RESA, and worked in the curriculum technology department. Currently reviewing grants for the US Department of Education. Also working for AdvancEd working with them on accreditation reviews and teaching at Marygrove College and Madonna University. The board asked numerous questions such as whether or not he would have the time commitment, and board asked Mr. Frankel what he could bring to the table. Mr. Frankel responded to the board's questions. Mr. Frankel inquired as to what type of board member the board is looking for and asked if the Board is evaluated by CMU? The Board and CMU representative Megan Brown responded to Mr. Frankel's questions.

Amy Long spoke to the board. The board inquired as to why Amy wants to be a board member. Amy shared she's served as a board member in the past, however, not on a school board. She shared that she admires what WAY Michigan is doing and would love to be a part of this. Ms. Long shared on her vision as a WAY Michigan board member. Ms. Long's background is in continuous improvement, which entails systematic problem solving. Has served as manager/team leader in previous employment. Ms. Long enjoys event planning and has served in this role as well. Ms. Long asked if the board would share what the HERO curriculum entails. Ms. Hernandez shared HERO information with Ms. Long. Additional questions and answers were discussed between Ms. Long and the board.

B: Action Items:

1. Approve Charter Contract Amendment No. 7

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Gregory Brown to approve the Charter Contract Amendment No. 7 as presented. Approved unanimously.

2. Elect Officers and address organizational business (Motions List)

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Gregory Brown to approve the Motions List as amended. Approved unanimously.

XI. Call to the Public

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None.

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XII. Adjournment

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Thea Hines to adjourn at 8:10 pm.  
Approved unanimously.

**Minutes Certification:**

Approved minutes respectfully submitted,



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Board Secretary

January 2, 2018

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Date

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