

W-A-Y Michigan  
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Board of Directors' Special Meeting

Date: April 24, 2019  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order by the President at 6:16 pm

Roll Call:

Brown X

Long X

Muscat X

II. Approval of Agenda

Board President Christine Muscat requested to amend the agenda removing the March 2019 Financial Report Discussion and Action Items under VI Treasurers Report and will present this at the May 2019 board meeting.

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Gregory Brown to approve the March 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting agenda as amended. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

III. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of W-A-Y Michigan in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. We now invite members of the public to address the Board and share any thoughts or concerns regarding agenda items only.

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting March 20, 2019.

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Amy Long to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

V. Educational Service Provider Report  
Superintendent/Director

Superintendent Madeline Black and James Middleditch (WAY Michigan Team Leader) provided the board with a handout, which shared enrollment information (currently at 164). The handout also provided credit attainment information.

Points of Pride: New Paraprofessional hired in February is working well with all of our researchers. The paraprofessional has taken on tasks with excitement and vigor.

WAY Michigan is the top academy in the ALEKS Math Madness competition. The top six leading researchers are from WAY Michigan.

The team has been working hard to ensure the Spring Pupil Accounting Audit is prepared.

Recent grant has been received from T-Mobile, which will provide Chromebooks and Hotspots to some of our researchers. Board President Muscat asked if we knew how much of the grant was provided to WAY Michigan. Ms. Black shared that WAY Michigan would receive Chromebooks for 200 students.

Ms. Black shared that we have numerous marketing opportunities scheduled within the near future.

Board President Muscat inquired as to why our number has decreased over the past year. Ms. Black explained that we lost students due to the last pupil accounting audit.

Board Member Greg Brown inquired as to how the process is working for the person who is mentoring/calling our students? Ms. Black shared on this process with the board.

Board President Muscat asked what is the retention rate at WAY Michigan? Ms. Black indicated she would provide this information to the board at the May meeting.

Board President Muscat inquired as to whether or not we do an exit interview with researchers when they leave? Ms. Black shared that we have a drop slip, which the student completes upon exiting our school.

Board President Muscat asked if we have any information on what our students are doing after graduation (i.e. college, trade school, etc.)? Ms. Black shared she could obtain this information and provide it at the May meeting. James Middleditch shared some data information around approximately 107 graduates since 2015, which showed that 26 are participating in college, which equates to around 27.4%. CMU liaison Meaghan Brown indicated that she would provide the board with any CMU data around this that she can obtain.

Board Member Amy Long asked if we could share testimonials from some of our students? Ms. Black shared on a WAY Michigan student who our team is working with to create a video testimonial that could be played at some of our upcoming marketing functions. Board held additional conversation around this.

## VI. Treasurer's Report

### A. Discussion Items:

1. March 2019 Financial Statements – To be presented at the May Board meeting.

### B. Action Items:

1. Accept March 2019 Financial Statements – To be presented at the May Board Meeting.

VII. Correspondence – None.

VIII. Central Michigan University liaison updates

CMU liaison Meaghan Brown shared updates on CMU's Board Development Series around direction of education in Michigan, which is scheduled to take place in Lansing. Information will be available on the website.

CMU will be offering a ACIC training for Board and School Management in Novi on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The training will cover how to deal with trauma issues with students. Information will be available on the website. Ms. Brown indicated the handouts and power points for this session will be available on the website.

IX. Old Business

A. Discussion Items: None

B. Action Items: None

X. New Business

A: Discussion Items: None

B: Action Items: None

XI. Call to the Public

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None.

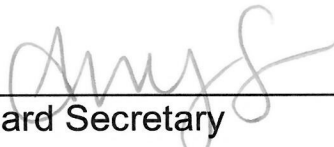
XII. Adjournment

It was moved by Christine Muscat and second by Amy Long to adjourn at 6:39 pm. All members voted Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at the offices of WAY Program, 407 E. Fort St. Suite 201, Detroit, MI 48226 within 8 business days for proposed minutes and within 5 business days of approval for approved minutes. Approved minutes will be posted on the WAY Academy's website <http://www.wayprogram.net>. Public notice of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act. The Academy shall comply with subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-- 336, 42 USC § 12101 et seq or any successor law. Should you require specific accommodation(s) please contact WAY Michigan offices at (313) 444-9292 prior to the meeting.

**Minutes Certification:**

Approved minutes of April 24, 2019 Special meeting respectfully submitted,

  
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Board Secretary

  
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Date