

WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY

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**REGULAR MEETING
 WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: 9/21/2022
 TIME: 6:00 ☒ p.m. / ☐ a.m.
 LOCATION: WAY MICHIGAN
 GLOBE BUILDING
 407 E FORT, SUITE 201
 DETROIT, MI 48226

APPROVED

MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: ☒ REGULAR ☐ SPECIAL ☐ PROPOSED ☒ APPROVED

I. CALL TO ORDER

VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG called the meeting to order at 6:12 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gregory Brown, Jr., President, Board of Directors <i>In virtual attendance</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mrs. Amy Long, Vice-President, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mrs. Mandi Bogart, Secretary, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Jesse Donoghue, Treasurer, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Isaiah Pettway, Superintendent, WAY Michigan Academy
 Ms. Trena Braswell, Director of Charter Schools, WAY Michigan Academy
 Mr. James Middleditch, Director of Programs, WAY Michigan Academy
 Ms. Jean Pashakarnis, WAY Michigan Academy

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 Wednesday, September 21, 2022 MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

III. APPROVAL OF THE Monday, August 29, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE Monday, August 29, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Pashakarnis reported:

- Legal bills provided to Treasurer Donohue for signature
- AP \$14,077.05
- Payroll 82K
- Request transfer in the amount of \$167,388
- SAN approved and funds received
- In the midst of the audit

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDS REIMBURSEMENT TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,388.00.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. ESP REPORT

a. Mr. Pettway reported:

- No change in accounting system; have received feedback from auditor and are proponents of the Wayne County system

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- Enrollment
 - Dip in enrollment compared to last year
 - No longer have contract with LAMP and Drive One
 - Students want to be in person learning with a traditional model
 - Working to combat enrollment challenges by trying to demonstrate what WAY can offer and highlighting what can be offered
 - Will have to make adjustments
 - At 135 enrolled with 11 in process (may end up between 150 and 160)
 - Looking at having 1/3 the number of students as in previous years
 - Will have to make significant budget adjustments and efforts
 - Trying to recruit feeder relationships
 - Will include list in next month meeting packet

President Brown asked how many from LAMP and One Drive who did not enroll.

Mr. Pettway responded:

- Only one from LAMP that did not attend this fall
- Drive One had 8 come back out of 15
 - BELOW 120 IS THE SIGNIFICANT OPERATION CONCERN
 - WILL GET A BUDGET AMENDMENT NEXT MONTH
 - Current budget does not take into account the per pupil increase
 - Access Fees charged for reimbursement will decrease significantly
- SPED Dir is the special ed teacher for the kids
 - Any additional students must have a resource room
 - WRESA stated a sub can be hired as long as they report to the case manager
 - Not taking applications; trying to make sure they can accept them and get them in the door and get people to service them
 - Enrolling and trying to get people in place before they come on and fully service them
 - At max with students, with 2 more coming

President Brown and the CMU representative initiated conversation regarding the legal views of not accepting applications.

- Consolidated apps finalized and submitted; conditional approval with 7/1 approval date
- Should not be a lapse in drawdowns like last year
- Waiting on final approval for days and clock hours (seat time waivers); waiting for sign off

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b. Mr. James Middleditch

- i. Review of report
 - 1. Only targeting charter schools in marketing efforts
- ii. Review of Trendline Report

Mrs. Gulley noted that the comments that Mr. Middleditch made regarding Felicia Williams was incorrect and improper, given that there have been self-confessed 'dips' in enrollment. She further added that the numbers utilized in the Strategic Boards report were provided by the WAY team reports.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. CMU LIAISON UPDATE

- a. **Ms. Jennifer Joubert** reported:
 - i. Awesome on Board attendance for last year
 - ii. Potential board member app received and in process
 - iii. Reminded regarding the audit and audit process; due Nov 1
 - iv. CMU events and opportunities reviewed

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPRING 2022 UPDATES AS PRESENTED.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

X. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:21 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M.

SUPPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG SECONDED.

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MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

9/30/2022

Date

Approved by the WAY Michigan Academy Board of Directors:

Board Secretary

Date

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