

<b>WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY</b>
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**REGULAR MEETING  
 WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DATE: 5/18/2022**  
**TIME: 6:00 ☒ p.m. / ☐ a.m.**  
**LOCATION: WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY**  
**407 E FORT – SUITE 21**  
**DETROIT, MI 48226**

APPROVED

<b>MINUTES</b>
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**MEETING TYPE:    ☒ REGULAR    ☐ SPECIAL    ☐ PROPOSED    ☒ APPROVED**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR.** called the meeting to order at 6:11 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Gregory Brown, Jr., President, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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  
 Mr. Rich Klem, WAY

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

Mrs. Vanessa Gulley, Board Liaison, Provision (virtually)  
 Mr. Jonathan Trout, 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 May 18, 2022 MEETING AGENDA**  
**MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY MEETING AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS.**  
**SUPPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG SECONDED.**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.**
- III. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 28, 2022 MEETING MINUTES.**  
**SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.**
- IV. ESP REPORTS**
- a. Superintendent Report by Mr. Pettway**
    - i. WAY is vetting a new account software
      - 1. Moving from QuickBooks with plan to have it in place by July 1, 2022
      - 2. Tom Tebow continuing to provide support and training to Ms. Pashakarnis
      - 3. Request of Budget review meeting with Board
        - a. June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm
    - ii. Social media blitz underway
      - 1. Already have 24 new applications
      - 2. Using Facebook next
    - iii. Drive One revised proposal for CTE program
      - 1. 15 current students
      - 2. Request for 2/3 of student FTE and are in the place of renegotiating for a low fee structure
      - 3. Using the LAMP contract as a model
    - iv. Discussion of Community Partnerships
    - v. State testing underway
    - vi. On track to have 2<sup>nd</sup> highest graduating class
    - vii. In process of hiring another mentor to maintain 1 to 10 ratio
    - viii. ESSER II Plan and budget approved by State
    - ix. Mental health professional to be hired as a full-time employee
      - 1. Funding thru next 3 years

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2. 191K first draw of grant funds to be deposited to academy account tomorrow
3. Section 41B grant of \$1500 to be used for SIOP training for teachers

**b. Director of Programs by Mr. James Middleditch**

- i. Points of Pride
  - a. 50% of students on honor roll
  - b. Goal to have 70 new enrollees
- ii. ESSER budget report
  1. Presentation of approved budget and summary report
- iii. COGNIA (formerly Advanced ED) accreditation completed
  1. All WAY schools are accredited
- iv. Discussion of Social Emotional program, Ripple Effects

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**a. April 2022 Financial Statements by Ms. Jean Pashakarnis**

- i. Review of Profit and Loss Statement
- ii. Presentation of materials regarding Board finance questions

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND TRANSFER OF \$160,262.30.**

**SUPPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. None

**VIII. CMU LIAISON UPDATE**

**a. Mr. J. Trout noted:**

- i. Change of finance software is a major shift and there will be a transition period
- ii. Looking into pool of persons that may have shown interest
  1. Those who were not to be eligible for board was due to relationships
- iii. Reminder of Board President round table (one in person and the other virtual)
- iv. BDS session forthcoming
- v. Growth and Proficiency as of this year will be reviewed to establish a baseline

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**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

**Rich Klemm**

- Staff has continued to try to improve what they do and to be responsive and trying to become better and better at what they do
- Value the relationship and want to continue to get better
- Has engaged the services of Tebo for review and training
- Moving to new accounting system
- Have a competent and professional team

- b. Board Retreat

- a. Looking to convene at Webbers in Ann Arbor  
b. August 5-7, 2022

- c. Finance Services

**MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROVISION FINANCE CONSULTING AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED.**

**SUPPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**XI. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:20 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M.**

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.**

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MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary

5/18/2022

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Date

Approved by the WAY Michigan Academy Board of Directors:

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Board Secretary

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Date

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