

WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY

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

DATE: 11/16/2022
 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

PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. called the meeting to order at 6:10 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M. on Wednesday, November 16, 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
 Mr. James Middleditch, Director of Programs, WAY Michigan Academy (virtual)
 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, November 16, 2022 MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA, MOVING THE TREASURE REPORT TO ITEM ROMAN NUMERAL V AND ADDING AS ROMAN NUMERAL VI A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO ITEM 8H OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO FOLLOW APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

SUPPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

III. APPROVAL OF THE Wednesday, October 19, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE Wednesday, October 19, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Pashakarnis reported:

- Reviewed the financial information
- Transfer request of \$148,014.54

Mrs. Williams reported

- Receipt of invoices
- Recommending transfer in the amount of \$148, 014.54
- Items in yellow are the items that the board should monitor
 - Current ratio should be over 1 and has been less than 1 for the last 2 years
 - Fund balance as of 10/31/2022; hope trend should continue
 - Grants receivable (reimbursements)
 - Profit and Loss
 - Variance 9% higher than typical average for this time of year
 - Student count should be reviewed
 - Cash Flow
 - Should have a 12-month cash flow as opposed to 1 month, which has been the norm

Budget Amendment reviewed by **Ms. Pashakarnis.**

- Everything should be corrected in the budget just distributed

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MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 2022 FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDS REIMBURSEMENT TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,014.54.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO TABLE APPROVAL OF THE 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT UNTIL THE DECEMBER 2022 BOARD MEETING, DUE TO THE LIMITED TIME FOR BOARD REVIEW.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:21 PM FOR CONSIDERATION OF A WRITTEN ATTORNEY WRITTEN OPINION.

SUPPORT: TREASURER JESSE DONGHUE SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION AT 7:04 PM.

SUPPORT: TREASURER JESSE DONGHUE SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. ESP REPORT

a. Mr. Pettway reported:

- i. Awaiting audit and will now review new accounting program
 1. No specific estimated date of secure
 2. Considering Wayne Resa software
- ii. Working on partnership with CMU schools
- iii. 2 have committed to partnership next year
- iv. Continuing to recruit 25E students; one enrolled today and 1 awaiting
 1. 4 students have graduated
- v. SIP meeting continues
- vi. Continuing academic reviews as State changes have been made to credit requirements

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- vii. Benchmark testing completed with data analysis occurring
- viii. No personnel updates
- ix. Grant application live and no lapses anticipated
 - 1. No major adjustments to the grant budget
 - 2. Language will be added during amendment period
 - 3. Funds can be drawn now
- x. ESSER III grants will be amended in the next couple of days

b. Mr. James Middleditch reviewed:

- i. Points of pride
- ii. 100 of MS completed NWEA testing
- iii. 84 % of HS completed NWEA testing
 - 1. Goal 95% NWEA participation for all grade levels
- iv. E sports team have 13 participants; record 3/2/tie
 - 1. Academic report review
 - a. Board request to review NWEA reports next month

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. CMU LIAISON UPDATE

- a. **Ms. Jennifer Joubert** reported:
 - i. Reminder regarding board vacancy
 - 1. Deadline November 17, 2022 for February BOT meeting
 - ii. New law regarding Parental Rights to be posted in the room where board meets
 - iii. Coffee with SPED Director
 - iv. Luncheon around city for HS counselors

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Board Discussion
 - i. Board Retreat
 - 1. Gulley to send date survey to Board, with responses to be received by Friday, November 18, 2022 @ 12 noon
 - 2. Dickinson Wright offer of conference room at old Comerica Bldg
 - ii. Conflict for GB for January meeting
 - iii. Conflict for AL for December meeting

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO SCHEDULE MEETING FOR DECEMBER 13, 2022.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY MANDI BOGART SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS**a. Status of Financials****President Brown**

Concerns with consistency and patterns of errors regarding the finances. Need to have some conversation regarding next steps of the management company to address the ongoing financial issues. Enough time has been allotted by the board to correct the course of the errors and that time of grace has been strained.

Mr. Rich Klem

Not ready to discuss right now but will provide correspondence to the Board and be ready to discuss at the December 2022 board meeting.

Vice-President Long and Treasurer noted frustration with the amount of errors and the heavy lifting that has to be done by the board President to address and attempt to solve the myriad of financial issues and its time to make a change. Items are being addressed because the level of commitment is recognized in other areas of the academy, but the financial area is falling woefully short of the standard needed to provide the level of fiduciary oversight demanded of the board.

Secretary Bogart also expressed concerns about the amount of time that is taken away from personal needs to address the financial problems and something must be done to remedy.

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO ENGAGE PROVISION, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, FOR THE SUPPLY OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF WAY MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WITH THE AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023.

SUPPORT: TREASURER JESSE DONGHUE SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

X. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: PRESIDENT GREGORY BROWN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:49 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M.

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SUPPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT AMY LONG SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

11/16/2022

Date

Approved by the WAY Michigan Academy Board of Directors:



Gregory Brown Jr (Jan 29, 2023 12:37 EST)

Board Secretary

Option 1

Date

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