

## WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY

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SPECIAL MEETING  
 WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: 4/21/2023

TIME: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Globe Building

407 E. Fort

Suite 201

DETROIT, MI 48226

APPROVED

## MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: ☐ REGULAR ☒ SPECIAL ☐ PROPOSED ☒ APPROVED

## I. CALL TO ORDER

CONSERVATOR ADAM HOLCOMB called the meeting to order at 6:01 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M. on Friday, April 21, 2023.

## II. ROLL CALL

MR. ADAM HOLCOMB, CONSERVATOR

☒ Present ☐ Absent

Dr. David Beaumont, President

☒ Present ☐ Absent

Ms. Marquita Tharpe, Vice-President

☒ Present ☐ Absent

Ms. Tamara Halliburton, Secretary

☒ Present ☐ Absent

Dr. Schequita Owens, Treasurer

☒ Present ☐ AbsentADMINISTRATION

Ms. Madeline Black, Executive Director, WAY

Mr. James Middleditch, Director of Programs, WAY Michigan Academy

Ms. Kelli Glenn, Interim Finance Director

Ms. Sherry Lynem, Interim Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT (all or a portion of the meeting)

Mrs. Vanessa Gulley, Board Liaison, Provision

Mr. Ed Roth, Field Operations, CMU

Mr. Fred Borowski, Field Operations, CMU

**THE PROPOSED AGENDA WAS DISTRIBUTED.**

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- I. **PUBLIC COMMENT** *(on agenda items only)*  
No public comment.

II. **APPROVAL OF THE Friday, April 21, 2023 MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** MEMBER DAVID BEAUMONT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE Friday, April 21, 2023 MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

**SUPPORT:** MEMBER MARQUITA THARPE SECONDED.

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

III. **APPROVAL OF THE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** CONSERVATOR ADAM HOLCOMB MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

**SUPPORT:** MEMBER DAVID BEAUMONT SECONDED.

**DISCUSSION:** DR. BEAUMONT disclosed that he was not present at the February 21, 2023 meeting, but will vote.

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

IV. **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

**MOTION:** MEMBER MARQUITA THARPE MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE DR. BEAUMONT AS PRESIDENT OF THE WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**SUPPORT:** MEMBER TAMARA HALLIBURTON SECONDED.

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

**MOTION:** PRESIDENT DAVID BEAUMONT MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE MS. MARQUITA THARPE AS VICE-PRESIDENT.

**SUPPORT:** SECRETARY TAMARA HALLIBURTON SECONDED.

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

**MOTION:** SECRETARY TAMARA HALLIBURTON MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE DR. SCHEQUITA OWENS AS TREASURER.

**SUPPORT:** VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE SECONDED.

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

**MOTION:** PRESIDENT DAVID BEAUMONT MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE MS. TAMARA HALLIBURTON AS SECRETARY.

**SUPPORT:** VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE SECONDED.

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

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**V. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. MOTION TO REMOVE MEMBER**

**MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE** MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE ADAM HOLCOMB FROM THE WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY TAMARA HALLIBURTON** SECONDED.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**b. APPROVAL OF CAO RESOLUTION**

**MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE** MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER AS THE CAO FOR WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY.

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY TAMARA HALLIBURTON** SECONDED.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**c. APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED SIGNATORY FISCAL RESOLUTION**

**MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE** MADE A MOTION THAT THE WAY MICHIGAN BOARD PRESIDENT (DAVID BEAUMONT), VICE-PRESIDENT (MARQUITA THARPE), AND TREASURER (SCHEQUITA OWENS) BE APPROVED AS SIGNERS ON THE CHASE BANK ACCOUNT FOR WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY.

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY TAMARA HALLIBURTON** SECONDED.

**DISCUSSION: Mr. Holcomb** noted that he will go to the bank early next week to remove himself from the bank account.

**VICE-PRESIDENT THARPE** requested that two board member signatures be required for any live/paper checks that are written.

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

**d. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

**MOTION: PRESIDENT DAVID BEAUMONT** MADE A MOTION TO CONVENE THE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 PM, THE FIRST OF WHICH TO BE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023, WHICH WILL ALSO SERVE AS THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

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**SUPPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION: PRESIDENT BEAUMONT** noted that there will be a heavy work lift necessary prior to the June board meeting and requested additional meetings be scheduled to convene on **Thursday, May 4 @ 6:00 pm** to approve the 22/23 Budget Amendment, the budget hearing and review of the FY23/24 Proposed Budget on **Thursday, May 16 @ 6:00 pm**, and the June meeting convene on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023 @ 6:00 pm**. He also asked the WAY Michigan team how things are proceeding for approval of the FY22/23 budget amendment and asked why the amendment had not been approved as planned at the scheduled Thursday, April 20, 2023 meeting.

**Mr. Holcomb** advised that he had not received the proposed budget revisions in sufficient time to review them properly prior taking action to approve it. He noted that he received the proposed budget from the team on Thursday morning and he is now reviewing it with Ms. Kelli Glenn. He further suggested that it would be completed if a special meeting is scheduled in the first week of May.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- **VICE-PRESIDENT THARPE** asked the Way Michigan team if the 69 student enrollment is accurate.

**Mr. F. Borowski** responded that there is currently a 130 plus student enrollment.

- **PRESIDENT BEAUMONT** asked that the marketing strategy be detailed in the FY23/24 proposed budget, and that the budget and assumptions be sent to him prior to distribution to the board.
- **PRESIDENT BEAUMONT** asked what the current assumptions are for FY23/24 budget.

**Ms. Glenn** noted that she will present a very flat, conservative budget.

**PRESIDENT BEAUMONT** asked Ms. Black if the budget remains flat and the structural problems disclosed by the WAY team persists, will the school dip into the fund balance?

**Ms. Black** responded that would indeed occur.

**Ms. Glenn** added that the current budget is a one-time dip in the fund balance, but the fund balance will remain at a best practice percentage of 15%. She concluded that the 23/24 proposed budget will take changes into consideration and a balanced budget will be presented.

## **VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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**IX. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**X. AUTHORIZER COMMENTS**

**Mr. Borowski** congratulated the new board members and thanked them for their service and noted that their open, candid discussion makes him feel positive and hopeful. He added that Way Michigan will have two field representatives assigned, to ensure that there is a CMU presence at each meeting. He concluded his comments by noting that he will present opportunities for the board over time.

**Mr. Ed Roth** noted that CMU is committed to this school and program and desires it to succeed for the students. He added that the board plays a very important governance role, and they applaud the board for its willingness to commit.

**XI. BOARD COMMENTS**

None

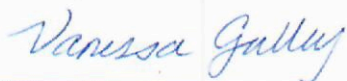
**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7.12 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M.**

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY TAMARA HALLIBURTON SECONDED.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

4/25/2023

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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