

**WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY****407 East Fort - Suite 201****Detroit, MI 48226****Telephone: 313.638.2716****Fax: 313.638.2717****REGULAR MEETING  
WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS****DATE: 9/14/2023****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**

**PRESIDENT DAVID BEAUMONT** called the meeting to order at 6:05 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M. on  
**Thursday, September 14, 2023.**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Dr. David Beaumont, President

☒ Present ☐ Absent

Ms. Marquita Tharpe, Vice-President

☒ Present ☐ Absent

Dr. Tamara Halliburton, Secretary

☒ Present ☐ Absent

Dr. Schequita Owens, Treasurer

☒ Present ☐ Absent*\*Treasurer Owens arrived at 6:08 P.M.***ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Isaiah Pettway, Superintendent, WAY Michigan Academy

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

Ms. Kelli Glenn, Interim Finance Director (**Virtual**)

Ms. Sherry Lynem, Interim Finance Director

**OTHERS PRESENT (all or a portion of the meeting)**Mrs. Rachel Horne, Board Liaison, Provision (**Virtual**)

Mr. Fred Borowski, Field Operations, CMU

***THE PROPOSED AGENDA WAS DISTRIBUTED.***

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meeting.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT *(on agenda items only)*

- **VICE-PRESIDENT THARPE** stated that she does not remember discussing the Board Policies prior to today's meeting.  
**Mr. Pettway** stated that some of the language in the Board Policies needed to be clarified with the Attorney. The language has been clarified and needs to be approved by the Board.
- **PRESIDENT BEAUMONT** stated that July statements were included in the board packet.  
**Ms. Lynem** shared that the July statements were included in the board packet in error and that she should have double-checked the documents before sending them out.  
**Vice-President Tharpe** asked if there was a way to streamline the number of documents because it is hard to go through over 100 pages.  
**Ms. Lynem** stated that it would be hard to get the financial statements to you because the bank statements aren't received until the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
**President Beaumont** stated that the real issue is the wrong copy being sent out and there needs to be a check and balance.  
**Ms. Lynem** stated that sending out the wrong documents will not happen again.

### IV. APPROVAL OF THE Thursday, September 14, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

**MOTION:** VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE Thursday, September 14, 2023 MEETING AGENDA WITH CHANGES: DISCUSSION OF AUGUST 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF AUGUST 2023 PAYABLES TRANSFER.

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

### V. APPROVAL OF THE THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION:** VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023 MEETING MINUTES.

**SUPPORT:** TREASURER SHEQUITA OWENS SECONDED.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### VI. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. Approval of Spring 2023 Board Policies

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- **Mr. Pettway discussed the following:**
  - Tech updates
  - Updated language
  - Requirements for the Academy's website and social media.
  - Advertising/Commercial activities
- **President Beaumont** asked what the difference is between legally required and legal content.

**Mr. Pettway** shared that legal content refers to the language changes and legally required is the actual terminology that is required by law. He also stated that Board Policies 2623 (Student Assessment), 6325 (Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds) and 8400 (Academy Safety Information) are all legally required.
- The Spring 2023 Board Policies will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

## VIII. ESP REPORTS

### a. Superintendent Report

- **Mr. Pettway** provided highlights on the following:
  - The current enrollment is 131.
  - There are 43 enrollment applications that are currently in process.
  - Several social media campaigns, e.g., Google Ads, have been used for marketing/recruitment.

**President Beaumont** asked where we were before in regard to enrollment.

**Mr. Pettway** stated that the previous enrollment was 127.

**Secretary Halliburton** asked if all of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade students graduate in July/August.

**Mr. Pettway** shared that graduation is staggered, depending on when the students complete their graduation requirements.

**Secretary Halliburton** asked if the students have a career counselor.

**Mr. Pettway** stated yes. The students have a career coach, as well as an emotional counselor that they can talk to.

### b. WAY Director Report

- **Mr. Pack** shared the following:
  - All of the Academy's vacant positions have been filled.

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- **Ms. Lynem** shared the following:
  - The Academy will be actively enrolling students until September 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Total credits earned by researchers in August was 26
  - There were 4 cohorts (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade) that exceeded the .25 requirement.

## IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

### a. Discussion of August 2023 Financial Statements

- **Vice-President Tharpe** stated that the dollar amounts on the payroll spreadsheet and the pay register did not match and asked for clarification.  
**Ms. Lynem** stated that the spreadsheet shows what's being charged to the Academy and the other document is to show what funds went to the person.  
**Vice-President Tharpe** asked how this document helps us since the amounts don't match.  
**Ms. Lynem** stated that the wages are split between the Academies.  
**President Beaumont** stated that it feels like the financials were rushed.

### b. Discussion of August 2023 Payables Transfer

- **Ms. Lynem** asked the Board to please approve the transfer amount.
- **President Beaumont** stated that he is not going to ask for a motion to approve the financial statements or the transfer amount. He asked Ms. Glenn what she suggested.
- **Ms. Glenn** suggested that the Board have a special meeting so that they can discuss the finances further and answer all of the Board's questions.  
**Secretary Halliburton** asked why we are always a few months late with payments.  
**Ms. Glenn** stated that there was a several week delay from the time when the invoices came in the door.  
**Secretary Halliburton** asked why we still have 3 months of late fees on one of the invoices.  
**Ms. Glenn** stated that she would have to look back at the invoice and get back to her.  
**President Beaumont** advised that a special Board meeting will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 10:30 A.M. to discuss the finances.

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**c. Audit Update**

- **Ms. Lynem** shared that she and Kelly will be working together and preparing information to send to the Auditor next week.
- **President Beaumont** asked if the Auditor will be attending the October Board meeting.
- **Ms. Lynem** stated that it would not be possible for the Auditor to attend the meeting.

**X. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**XI. AUTHORIZER COMMENTS**

- **Mr. Borowski** shared the following:
  - Audit must be submitted by November 1, 2023.
  - Reauthorization meetings will begin in October.

**XII. BOARD COMMENTS**

**Vice-President Tharpe** stated that she previously discussed trust issues with the financials and that the trust is fading. She also stated that she is not at ease with finances, as they are sloppy, rushed and there is no attention to detail.

**XIII. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:29** ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M.

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY TAMARA HALLIBURTON SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

*Rachel Horne*

Recording Secretary

9/19/2023

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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