

Muskegon Covenant Academy
125 Catherine Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49442
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes

Date: March 14, 2025

Time: 11 am

Location: Muskegon Innovation Hub, GVSU Conference & Event Planning, 200 Viridian Drive-Suite 225, Muskegon, MI 49440

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11 am.

Roll Call:

Present: Jim Fisher, President; Lauren Meldrum, Vice President; Gil Segovia, Treasurer; Tamica Sain, Secretary (via Zoom, non-voting); Donna Secor-Pennington. A quorum was present.

Absent: Jason Cooper

Other Attendees: Dr. Matt Cawood, GVSU; Rajeshri Bhatia, School Smarts; Tom Amon, Warner, Norcross & Judd; Deanna Brant, Staff Member, MCA

Public Comment on Agenda: Deanna Brant shared her commitment to the school and support of actions by the Board. She offered to help in any way possible.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Gil Segovia, Second by Lauren Meldrum. Carried.

Approval of the February 18, 2025 Board Minutes: Motion by Donna Secor-Pennington, Second by Lauren Meldrum. Carried.

Welcome/Opening Remarks by President Jim Fisher.

GVSU Update, Dr. Matt Cawood. Dr. Cawood served as the facilitator of the meeting. He provided a power point overviewing the role of the MCA Board in relationship to GVSU as the authorizer and with CAF, the Management Company. The MCA Board is the fiduciary for the school and has oversight of their contract with the Management Company to manage the school. He also provided a chronology of the current situation facing the school and challenging the Board.

MCA Items-RFP Process and Next Steps/Discussion-Rajeshri G. Bhatia. Rajeshri provided a power point of the RFP process for new management. The Board President is asked to appoint a search team that will work with Rajeshri to facilitate the process. After the presentation and discussion: Motion by Gil Segovia, Second by Lauren Meldrum to approve the outline of the RFP Process as presented by Rajeshri G. Bhatia. Carried.

Old Business-None.

New Business

- Review of the MAISD Audit of the Fall 2024 Pupil Count. In light of the significant proposed reduction in pupil account due to errors in the count identified in the audit, the Board approved, if deemed necessary, an independent investigation into the cause and outcomes of the process. Motion by Gil Segovia, Second by Donna Secor-Pennington. Carried.
- Review and approval of a March 14, 2025 draft letter by attorney Tom Amon to attorney Doug McNeil, counsel for CAF. Motion by Lauren Meldrum, Second by Gil Segovia. Carried.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items. None.

Reminder for the next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, Noon.

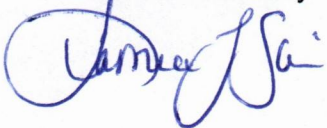
Adjournment: Motion by Gil Segovia, Second by Lauren Meldrum. Carried.
Adjournment at 2:32 pm.

Minutes Certification

Proposed minutes submitted:

Approved by the Muskegon Covenant Academy Board of Directors.

Board Secretary



Date:

4/15/25

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