

Saginaw Covenant Academy
508 South Washington Ave
Saginaw, MI 48607

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: February 26, 2025
Time: 12:00 P.M.
Location: 999 S Washington Ave, Saginaw, MI 48601

SCA - Student Award Presentation

At the end of each term a student is chosen by the faculty & staff to be recognized for work, both academically & personally, they have recently achieved. Two awards were presented to 2 students by the School Leader - Mr. Hyatt.

The "Student of the Term" for term 3 is: Tre'vian Montgomery. He was present with his mother to receive the award.

The "Growth & Progress Award" for term 3 is: Sam King. He was not present to receive the award but was given it as school later in the week.

Dr. Elsa Olvera introduced Ms. Carmen Stricker to the Board. Ms. Stricker is interested in becoming a member of the SCA Board of Directors.

Tim Ostrom introduced Mr. Chris Gray, the new Director of Academics, Compliance & Pupil Accounting for Covenant Academies Foundation.

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

President	Ty Mier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vice-President	Dr. Elsa Olvera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Treasurer	Becky Gerzser	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Secretary	Mike Jury	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Member	Carrie Schultz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present - Virtue	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Other Attendees

CAF	Tim Ostrom	CAF	Jeff Ichescio
CAF	Steven Killey	GVSU	Dr. Matt Cawood
CAF	Chris Gray	Legal Counsel	Mitchell Piper
SCA School Lead	Matthew Hyatt	Partner Solution	Laura Carpenter

Other Attendees

Tanoris Shepard
Yvette Montgomery
Trevian Montgomery
Carmen Stricker

C. Mission Statement was read by Ty Mier

D. Public Comment on Agenda (Comment on agenda items only, reserved to three minutes per person)

E. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Mike Jury	Second: Elsa Olvera
Ayes: 3	Opposed: 0

F. Approval / Acceptance of Standard Business

1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2024

Motion: Elsa Olvera	Second: Mike Jury
Ayes: 3	Opposed: 0

2 Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2025

Motion: Mike Jury	Second: Elsa Olvera
Ayes: 3	Opposed: 0

3 School Report: Matthew Hyatt - School Leader

Mr. Hyatt reported -

*Current enrollment is 243 students. Count day had 187 students in the building. The others will be a part of the recovery process.

*Teachers and Staff worked very hard on Count day, students enjoyed pizza, wings, and prizes.

*Currently have 12 students on a waiting list to be enrolled. More are calling each day.

*Daily attendance has increased from last year at this time from 24% to 30%.

*Many new students coming Bridgeport High School. SCA & Bridgeport have a great working relationship.

*College & Career readiness Coordinator working with Michigan Workforce Development Institute. They came a spoke to SCA students about apprenticeships and opportunities in the construction field.

*Family Support Specialist - organized a presentation on nutrition, sponsored a Black History poster contest and continues to help student get their State ID cards.

*The Outreach Coordinator continues to work with disengaged students inviting them back to school, helps with students behavior issues, organized a small collection of funds to help a family whose teenage son was killed. The young man, Jordan Morris, was an SCA student.

*The Behavior Interventionist continues to organize schedules for professional therapists to come to SCA and meet privately with students who request help, continues to find housing and funding for students who are in danger of being homeless, help students track down personal documents (birth certificates, medical records, social security cards) so as to obtain state benefits.

NWEA for Winter 2025: 118 tested in Math & 113 tested in Reading.

*Possibility of 20 students could graduation in June 2025.

4 Financial Update: Laura Carpenter, Senior Vice President of School Financial Operations (Partner Solutions)

Laura Carpenter presented the financial report for SCA.

*CS Partners took over on January 1, 2025.

*Laura felt very good about how the transition in progressing.

*Third quarter budget revisions were done and solid budgeting had been done.

*SCA is receiving extra \$375 per student that wasn't budgeted.

*Laura completed the Consolidated App.

*SCA finances look healthy.

5 CAF Report: Jeff Ichesco

Jeff Ichesco reported -

*Mr. Joseph sent out a letter to them highlighting CAF history's with the schools, mentioned some actions happening at with KCA's and MCA's Boards and some decisions they have made concerning CAF.

*Mr Ichesco stated that CAF is committed to standing behind the academies and continuing to provide the managerial services we do best.

*Dr. Olvera spoke at this time in support of CAF and Mr. Sam Joseph. She continue, "...I agree with a lot of the support, and our progress in the city of Saginaw is unbelievable, and we wouldn't be here with CAF and their leadership."

6 GVSU Report: Matt Cawood

Matt Cawood reported -

*Reminded the Board that Carrie Schultz, Beckey Gerzseny and Ty Mier's terms are up June 30, 2025. SCA's Board must recommend their reappointments for GVSU to reappoint them.

*Next virtual board training is March 4th at 4PM.

*GVSU's Academic Grant to SCA will be sent out this month.

*School performance reports will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

*School Celebration & Social being held in Detroit and Grand Rapids this year on May 5th & 6th.

*Charter School's week is May 12th - 16th.

*Charter day at the capitol is May 6th.

7 Legal Update: Mitchell Piper - None

G. Old Business

1 SCA Building Expansion Update

Ty Mier reported -

*Groundbreaking will be in April 2025.

*Spence Brother's invoice #7235 was paid by CAF

*Ty has a signed contract with Spence Brothers.

*Car Wash removal waiting on federal funding.

H. New Business

1 Approval to recommend Ty Mier, Becky Gerzseny and Carrie Schultz for reappointment to the SCA Board of Directors.

Motion: Mike Jury	Second: Elsa Olvera
Ayes: 3	Opposed: 0

2 Approval of the 2025-26 Application and Enrollment Resolution

Motion: Mike Jury	Second: Elsa Olvera
Ayes: 3	Opposed: 0

3 Approval of the Amended Emergency Operations Plan

Motion: Elsa Olvera	Second: Mike Jury
Ayes: 3	Opposed: 0

4 Approval to accept and use 2023-2024 Academic Grant Award from GVSU.

Motion: Mike Jury	Second: Elsa Olvera
Ayes: 3	Opposed: 0

I. Correspondence - None

J. Discussion - None

K. Reminder of Next Board Meeting - April 23, 2025 at 12:00 P.M.

L. Adjournment was at 1:23 PM

Motion: Elsa Olvera
Ayes: 3

Second: Mike Jury
Opposed: 0

Minutes Certification

Steven Killey

Date: March 4, 2025

Approved by the Saginaw Covenant Academy Board of Directors on April 23, 2025

Michael Jury

Board Secretary Date

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