



**Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Delta College Downtown Saginaw Center
319 E. Genesee Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607
October 29, 2025 at 12:00 PM**

- A. Meeting called to order by Dr. Olvera at 12:03 PM.
- B. Board Members present were: Dr. Elsa Olvera, Ty Mier, Becky Gerzseny, Mike Jury, Dr. Carmen Stricker & Monica Hernandez-Alaniz. Carrie Schultz was excused. Others Present were: Matthew Hyatt, Tim Ostrom, Chris Gray, Steven Killey, Jeff Maxwell, Dr. Matthew Cawood, & Joe Kaplan.
- C. Prior to the meeting and in the presence of others, Dr. Matthew Cawood administered the Oath of Office to Monica Hernandez-Alaniz and she signed an Acceptance of Public Office form, allowing her to take her seat as a member of the Saginaw Covenant Academy Board of Directors.
- D.. There were no Public Comments on the Agenda.
- E. Dr. Olvera read the Mission Statement.
- F. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Mr. Jury, seconded by Ms. Gerzseny, approved by all board members present. None opposed.
- G. A motion to accept the August 27, 2025 minutes was made by Ms. Gerzseny, seconded by Mr. Mier, approved by all board members present. None opposed.
- H. A motion to accept the September 17, 2025 special meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mier, seconded by Mr. Jury, approved by all board members present. None opposed.
- I. The School Report was given by Mr. Hyatt & Mr. Gray. Students enrolled on count day were 251 and 234 were counted. Enrollment as of the meeting is up to 261. 117 Students were counted for 23a funding. Mr. Gray has a continuing overview of Edmentum - Pacing Indicators were explained today. Mr. Gray reviewed the GVSU /

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SCA Education Goals and presented important percentages with explanation. Mission Updates included the SCA count day prize winners for Oct 2025, a summary of the Youth Community Violence Prevention discussion group at SCA, a summary of SCA's field trip to DeBuck's "Family Farm and Pumpkin Patch, and an update on efforts to assist with student housing. Other important mission activities were the re-engaged 4 students who re-enrolled • Homes fully furnished for two students through Nest Partnership Center • Letter of recommendation for incarcerated student • Advocacy letter to judge on behalf of a student.

J. Mr. Ostrom presented an SCA Building Expansion update. Sitework (excavation, backfill, and utility installation) is in active progress by Graebner. • Foundation work is ongoing with Mid-States and McMath, including concrete forming and block foundations. • Below-slab plumbing and electrical are being handled by Johnson & Wood and JAG, scheduled through early November. Looking Ahead In the coming weeks, foundation work will be finalized, and the structural framing phase will begin shortly thereafter. Spence Brothers are confident in meeting our completion goals and opening expanded facilities that better serve our students and families.

K. Mr. Killey presented a Financial Review. Firstly, Brickley DeLong continues to work on the 24-25 academy audit which is due to the State of Michigan by October 30th and GVSU shortly afterward. Brian McFarren will be present in December 2025 to present audit findings to the board. State funding resumed in Oct 2025. SCA has re-hired Talmelka Donster in the role of operations assistant to begin in November 2025. At this time, all invoices are paid and paid on time. A Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance was presented to the board for review, as well as a Statement of Cash Flows. A Balance Sheet will be available at the December 2025 Meeting when the audit is completed.

L. There were no Legal Updates.

M. The GVSU update was presented by Dr. Cawood. He spoke about opportunities for board member training and how important it is. These opportunities are only about an hour long and are virtual. Also noted was that Michigan has put online a transparency dashboard, unbeknownst to GVSU, with possibly incorrect information. The source of the data is being researched. Mr. Maxwell commented that GVSU has approved the Academy's Improvement Plan. It's considered a "working document" and the group is making good progress.

N. Mr. Kaplan presented a CAF Update saying that \$1.1 million has been committed to the SCA building project though costs may be more than that. At this time Dr.

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Cawood commented on a positive meeting held between GVSU at the request of CAF, and some understanding came from the meeting.

O. Regarding Old Business, GVSU wrote in a letter that it will honor the board's request to not insist on hiring an Independent Educational Consultant and the 2025-26 SCA Student Handbook was approved with a motion made by Mr. Jury, and seconded by Mr. Mier, and approval by all board members present. None opposed.

P. Regarding New Business, a discussion was held regarding whether or not to accept 31aa funding with new requirements attached to it. A motion was made to accept it (pending legal review by Mr. Piper) by Mr. Jury, seconded by Mr. Mier, approved by all board members present. None opposed. A motion was made to accept the fall 2025 Board Policy Updates from the National Charter School Institute by Mr. Jury, seconded by Mr. Mier, approved by all board members present. None opposed.

Q. There were no topics for Discussion.

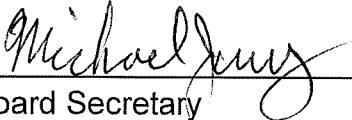
R. No Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

S. The board was reminded of the next meeting on December 17, 2025.

T. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 1:18 PM by Mr. Jury, seconded by Mr. Mier, approved by all board members present. None opposed.

Proposed minutes submitted: Steven Killey, November 10, 2025

Approved by the Saginaw Covenant Academy Board of Directors Meeting
on December 17, 2025.


Board Secretary

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