



Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Delta College Downtown Saginaw Center
319 E. Genesee Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607
February 25, at 12:00 PM

- A. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mier at 12:02 PM.
- B. Present Board Members were: Ty Mier, Carrie Schultz, Mike Jury, Dr. Carmen Stricker, and Monica Hernandez. Absent with prior notice were: Dr. Elsa Olvera and Becky Gerzseny. Others present included: Matthew Hyatt, Tim Ostrom, Chris Gray, Steven Killey, Dr. Matthew Cawood, Mitchell Piper, Joe Kaplan, and Tamelka R. Doster. Jeff Maxwell and Les Sheldon attended virtually.
- C. There were no public comments on the agenda.
- D. Mr. Mier read the SCA mission statement.
- E. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Jury and seconded by Ms. Schultz. The motion was carried unanimously with five votes in favor and none opposed.
- F. School reports were presented by Mr. Hyatt and Mr. Gray. Current student enrollment is 222, with 100 new students, 4 students recovered, 19 students with children, 45 special education students, and 17 students identified under McKinney-Vento. Mr. Gray provided data on academic progress following Count Day on February 11, 2026. SCA hosted a Count Day poster board contest, with first, second, and third-place winners; all entries were displayed for viewing. Mr. Ostrom discussed a

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potential Driver's Education Program for students next school year and Mr. Sheldon provided a positive updated financial report.

G. There was no update regarding CAF.

H. Mr. Ostrom presented an update on the SCA building project, confirming it is progressing as planned and expected to finish by mid-April 2026. Regarding the original section of the school, Mr. Kaplan committed CAF to funding new paint and carpeting to match the new construction. Mr. Ostrom suggested inviting all board members to tour the new building after the April board meeting.

I. Regarding the 2026-27 Application and Enrollment Resolution, a motion to accept was made by Mr. Jury and seconded by Ms. Schultz. The motion was approved unanimously with five votes in favor and none opposed.

J. A motion to approve the reappointment of Dr. Olvera and Mr. Jury to the SCA Board of Directors was made by Dr. Stricker and seconded by Ms. Schultz. This motion also passed unanimously with five votes in favor.

K. Mr. Piper provided a legal update, recommending that the names and titles of former employees be removed from the NCSI board policies website and replaced with current job titles.

L. GVSU Report was given by Mr. Maxwell. He shared a recent mid-year progress report from the Benchmark Improvement Team which covered three main goals:

1. Increase the percentage of students completing and taking the NWA assessments each testing term—current rates are around 54-55%, showing significant progress but still below the 65% goal.

2. Ensure 65% of students meet their progress targets by June 2027—progress is ongoing, with data showing students earning at least half a credit per term, but not yet at the target.

3. Have 70% of students meeting weekly engagement targets—currently over 70% across terms, on track to meet or exceed the goal.

Mr. Maxwell highlighted efforts to facilitate school improvement meetings, analyze data, and improve communication through a principal report template. Overall, the Academy

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is progressing well, working towards closing academic gaps and improving transparency on student performance.

The school exceeded expectations in compliance and reporting, submitting required documentation on time. However, the school did not meet expectations for financials due to audit findings, which were addressed in written communication from the audit and the office around January. The school index score, used by the Michigan Department of Education for accountability, was provided. This score mainly reflects student growth and proficiency based on state assessments, along with graduation rates. Schools serving at-risk populations tend to have lower scores due to these factors.

M. Regarding the Automatic Clearing House Resolution, a motion to approve was made by Ms. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Jury. The motion passed unanimously with five votes in favor.

N. Ms. Schultz moved to accept a GVSU Grant, with assurances from CAF that no management fees or other costs would be charged related to the board's acceptance and use of the grant. Dr. Stricker seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously with five votes in favor.

O. There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

P. Mr. Mier reminded everyone that the next board meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2026.

Q. The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 PM following a motion by Ms. Schultz and seconded by Dr. Stricker. The motion was approved unanimously with five votes in favor.

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Proposed minutes submitted: Tamelka R. Doster, March 3, 2026.

Approved by the Saginaw Covenant Academy Board of Directors Meeting
on April 29, 2026.



Board Secretary

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