

**Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy
Organizational and Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes**

Date: November 9, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

**Place: Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy
730 W. Maple Street, Lansing, Michigan 48906**

I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Robert Macomber.

II. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Nicholas Benavides	X	
Nettavia Curry	X	
Leigh Faith	X	
Robert Macomber	X	
Versey Williams	X	

Others Present:

CS Partners: Lauri McCollum, Tim Tenneriello

Mid-Michigan Leadership Staff: Linda Brown, Rebekah Cathy, Lacey James

CMU Representative: J. Thienes

III. Presentation of Audit

Ryan Johnson from Maner Costerisan presented the 2020 Financial Audit. Maner Costerisan reported an unmodified opinion. Mr. Johnson reviewed the audited financial statements.

IV. Public Comment (*agenda items only*)

- None

V. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Leigha Faith, seconded by Nick Benavides to approve the agenda.
Unanimously carried by those present.**

VI. Approval of Minutes

a. October 12, 2020 Meeting

- **Motion by Leigha Faith seconded by Nettavia Curry to approve the October 12th Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Unanimously carried by those present.**

VII. Board Correspondence

- None

VIII. CS Partners Report

Tim Tenneriello reviewed the CS Partner report.

a. Administrator's Report

Lacey James reviewed the Administrator report. 94% of students have completed NWEA testing. MMLA is expecting 355 fte for the fall count. 60-70% of students are face-to-face learners. Mr. James reported that good things are happening at MMLA in a tough environment.

Tim Tenneriello commented that the good things happening at MMLA are from the great leadership of Mr. James.

b. Financial Report

Rebekah Cathey reviewed the October financial report and the five-year facility project list. Dr. Williams will be providing the school with a list of contractors that are owned by people of color. Mr. James commented that it is practice at MMLA to look for contractors in the community before expanding the search. Approval was given to go ahead with bids for fixing the roof.

IX. New Business

a. Review and Approval of Revised Budget

Geoffrey Yelen reviewed the revised budget. One of the highlights of the revised budget is the right sizing of MMLA employee salaries. MMLA employees will be brought up to similar salaries as employees of surrounding school districts with similar experience and qualifications. There is also additional stipends for virtual teachers included in the budget.

- **Motion by Nettavia Curry seconded by Leigha Faith to approve the revised budget. Unanimously carried by those present.**

b. Approval of 2020 Financial Audit

- **Motion by Nettavia Curry seconded by Versey Williams to approve the 2020 Financial Audit. Unanimously carried by those present.**

c. Review and Approval of Charter Contract Amendment 5

Lauri McCollum noted that Charter Contract Amendment 5 officially incorporates the updated mission and vision statements into the MMLA educational program.

It was noted that the MMLA community is living the mission statement with a culture of mutual respect, pride and cooperation.

1. Motion by Leigha Faith seconded by Versey Williams to approve Charter Contract Amendment 5. Unanimously carried by those present.

d. Review of Charter Contract Amendment Request

Lauri McCollum would like the Board to start thinking about if they would like to request any Charter Contract Amendments for the 2020-2021 school year.

e. Review and Approval of Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

1. Public Comment

None

2. Delivery of Instruction

No change

3. Weekly 2 two-way interactions

Week ending:

Friday, October 2, 2020	88 %
Friday, October 9, 2020	94 %
Friday, October 16, 2020	91 %
Friday, October 23, 2020	86 %
Friday, October 30, 2020	86 %

- **Motion by Versey Williams seconded by Nick Benavides to approve the Monthly Extended Continuity of Learning Plan resolution. Unanimously carried by those present.**

X. Old Business

a. Discussion of Systemic Racism

Dr. Williams led a discussion about systemic racism. We need to have open and honest discussions about racism in an environment of care that does not judge.

CMU will be broadcasting a podcast in the future about systemic racism.

XI. Authorizer Report

Joe Thienes congratulated the Board on great discussions and good questions. There will be CMU round-tables for both Board Presidents and Treasurers.

XII. Extended Public Comment (non-agenda items)

None

Our Next Board Meeting is December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment:


- **Motion by Nettavia Curry seconded by Nick Benavides that the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Unanimously carried by those present.**

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Lauri McCollum - Covid
Recording Secretary

November 16, 2020
Date

Approved by the Board of Directors at its December 14, 2020 meeting.


[Nicholas Benavides \(Dec 16, 2020 21:39 EST\)](#)
Board Secretary

12/16/2020
Date

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