

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

**Date: March 8, 2021**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

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

I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:02 p.m. by Robert Macomber.

II. Roll Call

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Nicholas Benavides (East Lansing, MI)	X	
Nettavia Curry (Delta Township, MI)	X	
Leigha Faith (Dansville, MI)	X	
Robert Macomber (Lansing, MI)	X	
Versey Williams (Lansing, MI)		X

Others Present:

*CS Partners:* Lauri McCollum, Lisa Weir

*Mid-Michigan Leadership Staff:* Rebekah Cathy, Lacey James

*CMU Representative:* Joseph Thienes

III. Public Comment (*agenda items only*)

- None

IV. Approval of Updated Agenda

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

V. Approval of Minutes

a. February 8, 2021 Meeting

- **Motion by Nicholas Benavides seconded by Leigha Faith to approve the February 8th Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Unanimously carried by those present.**

VI. Board Correspondence

Lisa Weir reviewed the Employee Benefit Best Practices memo and reported that MMLA utilizes all of the best practices.

VII. CS Partners Report

Lisa Weir reported that standardized testing will not be waived this year although there may be some leniency on participation rates and accountability.

a. Administrator's Report

Mr. James reviewed his Leader report. He highlighted the letter from Governor Whitmer to the seventh graders.

b. Financial Report

Rebekah Cathy reviewed the February financial report. She noted that there will be an RFQ going out for roof replacement.

VIII. New Business

a. 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, February 5, 2021	92 %
Week Ending: Friday, February 12, 2021	96 %
Week Ending: Friday, February 18, 2021	n/a %
Week Ending: Friday, February 26, 2021	94%

- **Motion by Leigha Faith seconded by Nicholas Benavides to approve the Monthly Extended Continuity of Learning Plan resolution. Unanimously carried by those present.**

IX. Old Business

a. Discussion of Systemic Racism

Lisa Weir suggested that the Board identifies the issues of systemic racism, formulates goals and actionable items. Dr. Weir will discuss how to proceed with Dr. Williams and Rob Macomber.

X. Authorizer Report

Joseph Thienes expressed kudos to the MMLA team for increasing enrollment during this year. Most schools have not been able to increase enrollment.

He will schedule a meeting with Leigha Faith so they can discuss her continued desire to be on the Board of Directors.

Amy Friedeberg has been recognized by CMU for her extraordinary efforts this year.

In person Board Meetings are scheduled to begin again in April.

XI. Extended Public Comment (non-agenda items)

None

**Our Next Board Meeting is April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

XII. Adjournment:


- **Motion by Nicholas Benavides seconded by Leigha Faith that the meeting be adjourned at 6:37 p.m. Unanimously carried by those present.**

*Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,*

Lauri McCollum - Covid  
Recording Secretary

March 9, 2021  
Date

Approved by the Board of Directors at its April meeting.

  
Leigha Faith (Apr 14, 2021 12:52 EDT)  
Board Vice President

Apr 14, 2021  
Date

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