

**Detroit Leadership Academy  
Board of Directors**

**Approved Minutes of the Special Meeting**

**Held Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6pm**

**EQUITY Education Offices**

**13600 Virgil**

**Detroit, MI 48223**

**Call to Order (Agenda Item 1)**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Mark Lezotte, President.

**Roll Call (Agenda item 1.1)**

Board Members	Present	Absent
LaKeisha Florence		x
Alvina Gipson	x	
Dr. Diane Jackson	x	
Mark Lezotte	x	
Dan Piepszowski	x	

Organization	Members of the Public
Betsy Kyprianos	Shifman & Carlson
Gary Meier	EQUITY Education
Orlando Castellon	Central Michigan University
Kerri Smith	EQUITY Education
Jerry Giordano	EQUITY Education

**Approval of Agenda (Agenda Item 2)**

Mark Lezotte confirmed the Agenda.

It was MOVED by **Jackson** and SUPPORTED by **Gipson** to approve the agenda.

No discussion after the motion.

Vote: Ayes: (4) Nays: None

**Approval of Minutes (Agenda Item 3.1)**

It was MOVED by **Gipson** and SUPPORTED by **Jackson** to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 21, 2018.

No discussion after the motion.

Vote: Ayes: (4) Nays: None

**Review and Receive Monthly Financial Reports (Agenda Item 5.1)**

Gary Meier discussed with the board the key performance indicators that show 3 days of cash at year end, .1% Gross Margin, and 79% of student drawn down. Modifications have been made to the budget but not in a formal amendment as modifications are ongoing to account for the FTE loss through the county's assessment of per pupil FTE losses. The board requested that Renee and Kerri speak with LaKeisha about thoughts on if a budget amendment is necessary or if modifications will work for now.

It was MOVED by **Jackson** and SUPPORTED **Piepszowski** by to receive and support the monthly financial reports as presented.

No discussion after the motion.

Vote: Ayes: (4) Nays: None

### **Report from Authorizer-Central Michigan University (Agenda Item 6)**

Orlando Castellon from CMU informed the board of upcoming guest speakers and policy professional development for board members. Orlando distributed the guidance document and performance reports for CMU schools. The board requested a placeholder in April's meeting to discuss the CMU report.

### **Education Service Provider Report (Agenda Item 7)**

#### **7.1 Academic Update**

Gary Meier informed the board that all efforts are toward prepping students for state wide assessments. Dr. Jackson and the board would like samples of student work inclusive of student progression. The Board would also like to see the most up to date interim assessment data to see how those scores support student work. They would like EQ's Senior Managing Director of Academics to be present to answer questions at the April meeting.

#### **7.2 Update Status of DLA Continuum Project**

Jerry Giordano presented the highest impact lowest disruption recommendations for the Board as it relates to expanding the GSRP program and the positive trickle effect that growth will have on the academy including adding modular units and retaining 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the Virgil campus. The Board inquired about a safety plan for the modular units to which EQ responded they will work with Spencer Analytics to get a full plan in place to present to the board at a later date. The Board also inquired about the reasoning behind a 3 year lease, to which EQ responded that gives us enough time to do additional planning for newer facilities for the MS/HS potentially. It was proposed that the Board approve three contract amendment resolutions to be forwarded to CMU, including (1) expansion of the GSRP program by two classes, (2) grade configurations for DLA in which GSRP and K-4 are in the Virgil building, grades 5-6 are in modular units at Virgil, and grades 7-12 are at the Auburn campus, and (3) a request to amend the physical plant description by adding four modular classrooms to the Academy's Virgil Campus.

It was MOVED by **Gipson** and SUPPORTED by **Jackson** to approve the three proposed resolutions as a package and forward to CMU for review, action or additional follow-up.

No discussion following the motion

Vote: Ayes (4), Nays: None

### **7.3 Update DLA Middle/High School Shared Leadership Model**

Kerri Smith informed the Board that the resignation of the Principal at DLA Auburn led to a decision to keep a shared leadership model, without replacing the role which we felt would be more disruptive to the community. The Board requested additional conversation on the agenda about how the academy's return on investment with shared leadership continues to contribute to positive school culture trends.

### **7.4 Consider Approval of Charter Contract Amendment #1**

It was MOVED by **Gipson** and SUPPORTED by **Piepszowski** to approval charter contract amendment #1.

No discussion after motion.

Vote: Ayes (4), Nays: none

### **7.5 Review/Approve Response to Parent Letter**

Board President and Orlando Castellon discussed how board action would satisfy the CMU investigation request.

It was MOVED by **Gipson** and SUPPORTED by **Jackson** to approve the parent response letter and forward to CMU as requested.

No discussion after Motion

Vote: Ayes (4), Nays

### **7.6 Update Status of CMU Facilities Site Visit**

Kerri Smith reported that all matters noted for correction on the facilities site visit letter had been corrected, but that the re-inspection by CMU had not yet taken place. The Board requested that they receive confirmation that the 2<sup>nd</sup> facility walkthrough to document correction of the deficiencies found by CMU's site visit have been closed out and completed.

### **7.7 Miscellaneous Update – Enrollment, Staffing, etc.**

EQUITY informed the board that the re-enrollment and new enrollment process has started.

### **Old Business (Agenda Item 8)**

None

**New Business (Agenda Item 9)**

None

**Correspondence (Agenda Item 10)**

**Extended Public Comment (Agenda Item 11)**

None

**Comments from the Board (Agenda Item 12)**

The Board asked CMU about transportation issues in their network and Castellon discussed Requests at April Meeting:

- Average GPA of Seniors
- Average SAT scores of Seniors
- % of Students who have done the FAFSA
- Total amount of scholarships
- % of applications 2-4 years
- % of acceptance with 2-4 years
- Information related to 2017 graduates

**Next Meeting Date (Agenda Item 13.1)**

Next Regular Meeting -- April 18th, 2018

**Meeting Adjourn (Agenda Item 14)**

President Lezotte adjourned the Regular Meeting of April, 18 2018 at 7:53 pm.

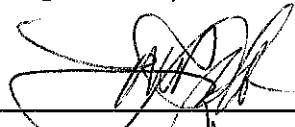
Submitted on March 20, 2018, by

*Kerri Smith*

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Kerri Smith

Recording Secretary

Approved on April 18, 2018 by

  
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Dan Piepszowski  
Board Secretary

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*PRESIDENT*