

**Detroit Leadership Academy
Board of Directors**

Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6pm

EQUITY Education Offices

13600 Virgil

Detroit, MI 48223

Call to Order (Agenda Item 1)

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 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
Betsy Kyprianos	Shifman & Carlson
Gary Meier	EQUITY Education
Kerri Smith	EQUITY Education
Jerry Giordano	EQUITY Education
Michille Few	EQUITY Education
Casey Paulus	EQUITY Education

Members of the Public
Carnetta Harvey
Dayonna Dell

Approval of Agenda (Agenda Item 2)

Mark Lezotte confirmed the Agenda.

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

No discussion after the motion.

Vote: Ayes: (3) Nays: None

Approval of Minutes (Agenda Item 3.1)

It was MOVED by **Jackson** and SUPPORTED by **Gipson** to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 19, 2018.

No discussion after the motion.

Vote: Ayes: (3) Nays: None

Public Comment (limited to agenda items)

Ms. Carnetta Harvey expressed concerns to the Academy Board regarding her children's safety and education at DLA. Her discussion was a follow up to similar discussions with the Central Michigan University Charter School Office. The Board indicated their appreciation for her comments and that there would be follow up communication with her from management.

Review and Receive Monthly Financial Reports (Agenda Item 5.1)

Renee Burgess let the board know the monthly financials for March are presented for their consideration, noting there is a projected revenue shortfall, but that expenses are below estimate. Net income is still projected to be lower than anticipated. Burgess also reported the Board Treasurer requested that the EQ finance team further review the current approved budget and modify, as needed, to ensure the year-end surplus is equal to the surplus projected in the current budget. The Board asked consideration be given to presenting a draft budget amendment in May for final approval in June.

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: (3) Nays: None

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

No CMU representative present.

Education Service Provider Report (Agenda Item 7)

7.1 Reauthorization Update

The Board President informed the Board and EQ that CMU's Board of Directors was convening this week to make a decision on DLA's reauthorization and more information should be available by Friday, April 20th.

7.2 Academic Update

Casey Paulus provided an update to the board about the interim assessments and how they align with re-teaching plans, curriculum adjustments based on student results, and their alignment to M-STEP testing. This is the first year of assessments aligning with MSTEP, next year there will be additional focus on content within the assessments. The assessments used going forward will also align with the contract metrics proposed to CMU as part of the reauthorization process. The board inquired about the leading indicators and the feedback Dr. Jackson and EQ received from CMU for the proposed contract goals. It was reported that CMU noted the high expectations created for the academy, were open to the overall trajectory, and Dr. Jackson concurred. The board requested updates on

academic planning for 18-19 as they were concerned about the assessment percentages presented.

7.3 Review/Approve Response to Parent Letter

It was MOVED by **Gipson** and SUPPORTED by **Jackson** to accept the investigation conducted by the Academy for submission to CMU regarding a parent complaint.

Discussion after motion included EQUITY Education committing to addressing the parent's concerns with one or two management points of contact.

Vote: Ayes: (3) Nays: None

7.4 Update Status of CMU Facilities Site Visit

The elementary school campus is in full compliance.

7.5 Miscellaneous Update – Enrollment, Staffing, etc.

No comments

Old Business (Agenda Item 8)

8.1 Long-Term Facility Planning

The Board President informed the Board that there are future meetings planned with the YMCA and the Archdiocese regarding long-term planning for the Virgil and Auburn campuses, upon contract renewal.

New Business (Agenda Item 9)

Renee Burgess of EQ informed the board that a student discipline hearing has been delayed at the request of the student's family, in writing, waiving their 10 day right to a hearing, requesting the hearing occur on or after April 24th.

Correspondence (Agenda Item 10)

No comments

Extended Public Comment (Agenda Item 11)

No comments

Comments from the Board (Agenda Item 12)

No comments

Next Meeting Date (Agenda Item 13.1)

Next Regular Meeting – May 16th, 2018

Meeting Adjourn (Agenda Item 14)

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

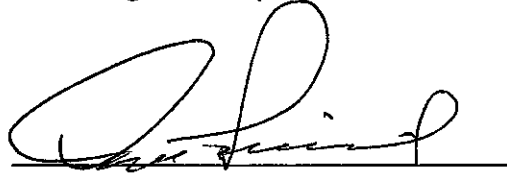
Submitted on April 18, 2018 by

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Recording Secretary

Approved on May 4, 2018 by



Dan Piepszowski

Board Secretary