



**MICHIGAN**  
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**Michigan Virtual Charter Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
Monday – April 25, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Hazel Park Schools**

**1620 E. Elza**

**Hazel Park, Michigan 48030**

If unable to attend in person, please participate via zoom link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86342702266>

**1. Call to Order**

Time: 6:04 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Marva Foster, Monique Lake, Colin Houston, Scott Stangeland, Ramone Crowe Jr., Aaron Walker  
Lynn Hathorn-6:08 p.m. arrival

Other Attendees:

Ann VanderLaan-Clark Hill, Carol Main-Stride K12, Randy Rodriguez-MVCA, Kim Bush-MVCA,  
Rachel Forgo-MVCA, Kalie Palmer-MVCA, Mark Weinberg-Hazel Park, Todd McIntire via zoom-  
Stride K12, Michael Dixon via zoom-Dixon Public Consulting, LLC., Tom Graham via zoom-Stride  
K12

**3. Public Comment on Agenda (comment on agenda items only, 3 minutes per person)**

None

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the agenda.**

**Second: Director Aaron Walker**

**Motion unanimously approved**

5. Approval of March 28, 2022 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

**Motion: Director Aaron Walker moved to approve the March 28, 2022 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting.**

**Second: Director Monique Lake**

**Motion unanimously approved**

6. Finance Report

- a. Motion to accept the March finance report.

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to accept the March finance report.**

**Second: Director Colin Houston**

**Motion unanimously accepted**

- b. Motion to approve the March K12 and non-K12 invoices for \$2,566,358.78.

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve the March K12 and non-K12 invoices for \$2,566,358.78.**

**Second: Director Aaron Walker**

**Motion unanimously approved**

7. Head of School Report

a. Testing Update

Kim Bush, MVCA's Operations Manager, shared an update regarding state testing. State assessments began in April and have tested students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Bush included the following information:

Total number of students invited to test this year = 2543

Total number of students test through 4/21 = 1656

Total number of tests given through 4/21 = 2337

Mrs. Bush explained that this has been a very smooth testing season. MVCA's testing coordinator, Bridgette Waver, is very detailed and has a great skill set with testing. The designated test set up day was very helpful, in which site leads set up all the technology the day before testing so that it was ready to go. The six largest sites had Stride tech support onsite that was able to trouble shoot some tech issues. Mrs. Bush also shared that MVCA managed transportation or provided gas cards for families that needed it. MVCA was able to help families overcome some of the challenges of getting to the testing sites. There were 22 sites across Michigan.

Director Marva Foster inquired about the 95% participation for state testing.

Mr. Rodriguez explained that for virtual schools, accountability is difficult. With the pandemic the last two years, testing was not required. Since we are still within the

pandemic, getting families to come in person for testing can be hard. MVCA may be around 75% participation. It could impact our accountability score on the State Index Grade. We have sent emails and calls to families. We are looking at strategies for next year such as a testing contract included with enrollment. We are rebuilding that mentality that students are required to test. Mr. Rodriguez expressed the phenomenal job led by Kim and her team and Bridgette executing testing. Mr. Rodriguez shared that he got to visit test sites, talk to students and parents, and even proctor a test. It was nice to see families in person and hear their stories. Staff were very positive about our school and what we offer to students.

**b. Student Celebration**

Mr. Rodriguez shared that June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be MVCA's 2022 virtual graduation. MVCA will hold a graduation watch party at LMCU Ball Park in Comstock, MI. The ballpark is rented out and food will be on site for families. Mr. Rodriguez has asked the board to do a virtual greeting for the graduates. Mr. Rodriguez also shared a student celebration story: Vanessa Liu was accepted to Cornell University. She joined MVCA as a sophomore and graduates with a 4.03 GPA. We hope to have her back one day to talk and share her story with MVCA students. Colleges are valuing and validating virtual education. Thank you to the board, our staff, and our team. This is what makes the difference for students.

**8. New Business**

- a. Motion to approve SY 2022-2023 computer rules for distribution to students.
  - i. Student in grades K - 8 will continue to receive a one-to-one laptop distribution.
  - ii. Students in grades 9 -12 will continue to receive a one-to-one laptop distribution and a printer.

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve SY 2022-2023 computer rules for distribution to students.**

**Second: Director Lynn Hathorn**

**Motion unanimously approved**

- b. Motion to approve the Tenant Estoppel Certificate agreement due to sale of Grand Rapids Office Building and transfer of current Grand Rapids Lease Agreement.

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve the Tenant Estoppel Certificate agreement due to sale of Grand Rapids Office Building and transfer of current Grand Rapids Lease Agreement.**

**Second: Director Colin Houston**

**Motion unanimously approved**

**9. Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to MCL15.248(k) regarding a review of the Emergency Operations Plan**

**Motion: Director Ramone Walker Jr. moved to conduct agenda item number 9 after agenda item 11, K12 Comments and Updates.**

**Support: Director Aaron Walker**

**Motion unanimously supported**

**10. Authorizer Comments and Updates**

Mr. Weinberg shared that MDE has a process called Assurance Education Visits to assure and verify that Hazel Park is doing their job in authorizing MVCA. It is a necessary part of the charter regulatory system. The visit is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**11. K12 Comments and Updates**

Mr. Todd McIntire shared updates on the progress we are making on the state auditor's manual report. The goal is to prohibit departments from adjusting their funding based on the findings in the auditor's report. Boilerplate language is used for the budget, which should reduce the risk of funding. Mr. McIntire also shared that the state, house, and senate legislation report does not currently include the governor's budget freeze for cyber schools. Also, Mr. McIntire reminded the board of the July 27-28 Stride Conference. There has been an organization shuffle at stride, but Mr. McIntire will continue to be the board's point of contact.

Mrs. Ann VanderLaan asked if there was an update at the federal level regarding funding for cyber schools.

Mr. Todd McIntire said there is not a specific update on this issue currently but has a federal lobbying team working on the issue.

**12. Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to MCL15.248(k) regarding a review of the Emergency Operations Plan**

**Motion: Director Monique Lake moved to enter into closed session pursuant to MCL15.248(k) regarding a review of the Emergency Operations Plan.**

**Support: Director Colin Houston**

**Motion unanimously supported**

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to enter back into open session of the regular board meeting.**

**Support: Director Colin Houston**

**Motion unanimously supported**

**13. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (limited to 3 minutes)**

None

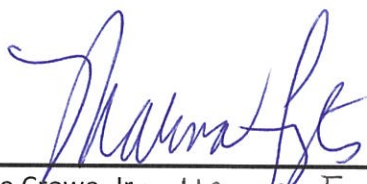
**14. Reminder of Next Board Meeting**

May 23, 2022  
Hazel Park Schools  
6:00 PM

**15. Adjournment**

7:33 p.m.

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Virtual Charter Academy hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Board Meeting Minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 25, 2022, and approved at the Board's Regular May 23, 2022 Board Meeting, and that proper notice of the regular public Board Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.



~~Ramone Crowe, Jr.~~  
~~Board Secretary~~

Marva Foster  
Acting Secretary

05/23/22

Date