

# Michigan Virtual Charter Academy

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Michigan Virtual Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday – September 25, 2023
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/88285363838

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:10pm

# 2. Roll Call

Marva Foster, Colin Houston, Aaron Walker Monique Lake arrival: 6:36 p.m.

Absent: Scott Stangeland, Ramone Crowe Jr.

## Other Attendees:

Randy Rodriguez-MVCA, Josh Weld-Wallis-MVCA, Todd McIntire-Stride K12, Tom Travia via zoom-Stride K12, Mary Markert via zoom-Stride K12, Mark Weinberg via zoom-Hazel Park, Ann VanderLaan via zoom-Clark Hill, Michael Dixon via zoom-Dixon Public Consulting, LLC.

- 3. <u>Public Comment on Agenda</u> (comment on agenda items only, 3 minutes per person)
  None
- 4. Approval of Modified Agenda removing item 8a: Motion to approve the Resolution to join the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus and replacing it with item 8a: Motion to appoint two (2)

  MVCA Board members to work with Clark Hill PLC to complete the documentation regarding Hazel Park's reauthorization of MVCA, for MVCA Board approval and to assist Clark Hill PLC

with the negotiations for a new Educational Products and Services Agreement (EPSA) with Stride/K12, LLC, for MVCA Board approval, which is also part of the reauthorization process

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the modified agenda removing item 8a: Motion to approve the Resolution to join the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus and replacing it with item 8a: Motion to appoint two (2) MVCA Board members to work with Clark Hill PLC to complete the documentation regarding Hazel Park's reauthorization of MVCA, for MVCA Board approval and to assist Clark Hill PLC with the negotiations for a new Educational Products and Services Agreement (EPSA) with Stride/K12, LLC, for MVCA Board approval, which is also part of the reauthorization process.

Second: Director Aaron Walker Motion unanimously approved

# 5. Approval of August 28, 2023 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the August 28, 2023 Minutes of the Regular

**Board Meeting.** 

Second: Director Monique Lake Motion unanimously approved

#### 6. Finance Report

Tom Travia presented the August finance report.

a. Motion to approve the August K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$1,183,315.56

Motion: Director Marva Foster moved to approve the August K12 and non-K12

invoices of \$1,183,315.56.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously approved

b. Motion to accept the August finance report

Motion: Director Marva Foster moved to accept the August finance report.

Second: Director Monique Lake Motion unanimously approved

## 7. Head of School Report

Head of School, Mr. Randy Rodriguez, presented a review of the MVCA and Stride Playbook. Mr. Rodriguez emphasized the merging of the Playbook with MVCA's MTTS Program (Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports).

#### 8. New Business

a. Motion to approve the Resolution to join the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus

Note: Motion to approve the Resolution to join the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus has been tabled for the October board meeting and has been replaced with the following:

8a: Motion to appoint two (2) MVCA Board members to work with Clark Hill PLC to complete the documentation regarding Hazel Park's reauthorization of MVCA, for MVCA Board approval and to assist Clark Hill PLC with the negotiations for a new Educational Products and Services Agreement (EPSA) with Stride/K12, LLC, for MVCA Board approval, which is also part of the reauthorization process.

Note: Nominations for board members are Marva Foster and Colin Houston.

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to appoint two (2) MVCA Board members to work with Clark Hill PLC to complete the documentation regarding Hazel Park's reauthorization of MVCA, for MVCA Board approval and to assist Clark Hill PLC with the negotiations for a new Educational Products and Services Agreement (EPSA) with Stride/K12, LLC, for MVCA Board approval, which is also part of the reauthorization process.

Second: Director Monique Lake Motion unanimously approved

 Motion to approve Clark Hill PLC to provide Privacy Security Vendor Management Training to MVCA (Stride/K12) Staff for a flat fee of \$9,260.00, inclusive of training, materials, and resource manual

Note: Ann VanderLaan and Randy Rodriguez explained the process that was determined by Clark Hill lawyer Ilya Smith. Six (6) – ten (10) MVCA staff members will participate in the training. This process is designed to expedite approvals of new software programs and maintain adequate legal standards.

Motion: Director Aaron Walker moved to approve Clark Hill PLC to provide Privacy Security Vendor Management Training to MVCA (Stride/K12) Staff for a flat fee of \$9,260.00, inclusive of training, materials, and resource manual.

Second: Director Monique Lake Motion unanimously approved

 Motion to re-appoint and approve MVCA Board President, Marva Foster and MVCA Board Treasurer, Scott Stangeland to the MVCA Finance Committee, effective July 17, 2023 Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to re-appoint and approve MVCA Board President, Marva Foster and MVCA Board Treasurer, Scott Stangeland to the MVCA Finance Committee, effective July 17, 2023.

Second: Director Aaron Walker Motion unanimously approved

d. Review Letter from Hazel Park Schools' Superintendent, Dr. Amy Kruppe, to Michigan Virtual Charter Academy Board members regarding "Reauthorization Process"

Note: Hazel Park Authorizer, Mark Weinberg, reviewed the letter with the board.

# 9. Authorizer Comments and Updates

Mr. Mark Weinberg reviewed the reauthorization letter from Hazel Park Schools' Superintendent, Dr. Amy Kruppe. The letter focused on academics, finance, and compliance.

## 10. K12 Comments and Updates

Mr. Todd McIntire shared that "Strong Start" has begun well, giving good momentum to the launch of the school year. The focus of Strong Start is Connection Calls with students and families, students logging into their classes, and class review of online systems. Mr. McIntire explained that student enrollment count seems to be "leveling out" compared to last year. He also highlighted the following initiatives:

- Student engagement photography contests, spelling bees, etc.
- K12 Zone Virtual campus for students to interact with each other
- A.I. how to support staff and students

Finally, Mr. McIntire gave an update about legislation concerning the transparency of charter schools. This legislation has been made public but is not on a fast track. There are some concerns with this package, and much work to be done.

#### 11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (limited to 3 minutes)

None

#### 12. Reminder of Next Board Meeting

October 23, 2023 Hazel Park Schools 6:00 PM

#### 13. Adjournment

7:11 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 September 25, 2023, and approved at the Board's Regular October 23, 2023 Board Meeting, and that proper notice of the regular public Board Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the pen Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Date

Ramone Crowe, Jr.

**Board Secretary**