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**Michigan Virtual Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

Monday – January 31, 2022

6:00 PM

Hazel Park Schools

1620 E. Elza

Hazel Park, Michigan 48030

**(The regular January 2022 MVCA Board meeting scheduled for
Monday January 24, 2022
was canceled due to inclement weather and rescheduled to
Monday January 31, 2022)**

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87986232557>

1. **Call to Order**

Time: 6:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Marva Foster, Monique Lake, Lynn Hathorn, Colin Houston, Ramone Crowe Jr., Aaron Walker

Absent: Scott Stangeland

Other Attendees:

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

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

Head of School, Randy Rodriguez, shared that January is Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Rodriguez thanked the board members for their commitment and dedication the past three years. MVCA has really grown in its ten years, from graduating ten students to over 300 students. On behalf of our team, we would like to thank you. We appreciate all of you.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Director Ramone Crowe Jr. moved to approve the agenda.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously approved

5. **Approval of January 20, 2022 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting**

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the January 20, 2022 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting.

Second: Director Lynn Hathorn

Motion unanimously approved

6. **Approval of the January 20, 2022 Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Board Meeting**

Motion: Director Ramone Crowe Jr. moved to approve the January 20, 2022 Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Board Meeting.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously approved

7. **Finance Report**

- a. Motion to approve the December K12 and non-K12 invoices for \$2,396,274.64.

Motion: Director Marva Foster moved to approve the December K12 and non-K12 invoices for \$2,396,274.64.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously approved

8. **Motion to enter into closed session for attorney/client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) regarding On-Site Digital Conversion Project**

Motion: Director Monique Lake moved to enter into closed session for attorney/client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) regarding On-Site Digital Conversion Project.

Second: Director Aaron Walker

Motion unanimously approved

Motion: Director Monique Lake moved to enter into open session of the regular school board meeting.

Second: Director Lynn Hathorn

Motion unanimously approved

9. **New Business**

- a. Motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the rental of computers and related equipment and the purchase of on-site technical support services for student WIDA and State of Michigan testing from Stride/K12.

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the rental of computers and related equipment and the purchase of on-site technical support services for student WIDA and State of Michigan testing from Stride/K12.

Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to approve the On-Site Digital Conversion Project Agreement with Michigan Office Solutions and Integrity One Technologies and Exhibits A (Statement of Work), Exhibit B (Subscription License Fee for Square 9 Softworks) and Exhibit C (Square 9 Softworks Cloud Terms of Service, for the amount of \$208,298.72, and authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement and Exhibits A, B and C.

Motion: Director Aaron Walker moved to approve the On-Site Digital Conversion Project Agreement with Michigan Office Solutions and Integrity One Technologies and Exhibits A (Statement of Work), Exhibit B (Subscription License Fee for Square 9 Softworks) and Exhibit C (Square 9 Softworks Cloud Terms of Service) for the amount of \$208,298.72, and authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement and Exhibits A, B, and C.

Second: Lynn Hathorn

Motion unanimously approved

- c. Motion to approve the following staffing positions from ESSERS III funds pending State approval of the ESSERS III grant proposals.
 - i. Six High School Interventionists (Learning Loss)
 - ii. Two High School Elective Teachers (Class Size Reduction)
 - iii. One Middle School Math Interventionist (Learning Loss)
 - iv. One Self-Contained Special Education Teacher (Based on Enrollment)
 - v. One Special Education Instructional Assistant (Support)

Motion: Director Lynn Hathorn moved to approve the following staff positions from ESSERS III funds pending State approval of the ESSERS III grant proposals: six high

school interventionists, two high school elective teachers, one middle school math interventionist, one self-contained special education teacher, one special education instructional assistant.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

10. Authorizer Comments and Updates

Mr. Mark Weinberg shared that a memo went out from MDE to authorizers of cyber schools regarding Learning Centers. MVCA does not have any learning centers, so no need for action at this time.

11. K12 Comments and Updates

Mr. Todd McIntire shared an update regarding the changes made to the Michigan Pupil Membership Auditing Manual as a result of the auditor general's review of MDE's oversight of cyber schools. We have received a legal opinion concerning these changes. Legal opinion is that MDE cannot cut funding due to the new changes of attendance participation and that the auditing manual does not carry the weight of the law. This legal opinion has been provided to Board President Marva Foster and Ann VanderLaan. The legislative team has been working on getting dialogue going with the legislators, and we do have some people testifying against the changes on behalf of cyber schools in Michigan.

Mrs. Ann VanderLaan explained her and Board President Marva Foster crafted a letter and circulated it to the board for any revisions and authorization to send out. A copy of that letter will be given to Todd McIntire and Mark Weinberg.

The following motion has been added:

Motion to approve the Board President, Marva Foster, and Ann VanderLaan to prepare and finalize a letter to MDE regarding the revised Pupil Auditing Manual on behalf of Michigan Virtual Charter Academy.

Motion: Monique Lake moved to approve the Board President, Marva Foster, and Ann VanderLaan to prepare and finalize a letter to MDE regarding the revised Pupil Auditing Manual on behalf of Michigan Virtual Charter Academy.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously approved

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

None

13. Reminder of Next Board Meeting

February 28, 2022

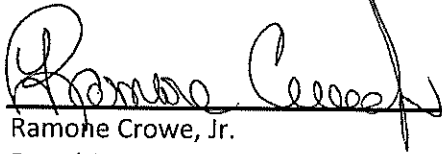
Hazel Park Schools

6:00 PM

14. Adjournment

7: 21 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 January 31, 2022, and approved at the Board's Regular February 28, 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

3/28/22
Date

