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**Michigan Virtual Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday – November 20, 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/81866849217>

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Marva Foster, Monique Lake, Colin Houston, Scott Stangeland

Ramone Crowe Jr. arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Absent: Aaron Walker

Other Attendees:

Randy Rodriguez-MVCA, Josh Weld-Wallis-MVCA, Jessica Biehl-MVCA, Mark Weinberg-Hazel Park, Todd McIntire-Stride K12, Michael Dixon-Dixon Public Consulting, LLC., Tom Travia via zoom-Stride K12, Mary Markert via zoom-Stride K12, Rachel Forgo via zoom-MVCA, Nick Hoffman via zoom-MVCA, Tanya Kuipers via zoom-MVCA, Laura VanDuyn via zoom-MVCA, Melissa Anderson via zoom-MVCA, Gena Sparks via zoom-MVCA, Amela Redzic via zoom-MVCA, Ann VanderLaan via zoom-Clark Hill

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

None

4. **Approval of Agenda removing item 9b: Motion to approve MVCA Engagement of the law firm Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP to represent MVCA in the reauthorization process and the finalization of a new Charter Contract between Michigan Virtual Charter Academy and Hazel Park Schools Board of Education**

Motion: Director Monique Lake moved to approve the modified agenda removing item 9b: Motion to approve MVCA Engagement of the law firm Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP to represent MVCA in the reauthorization process and the finalization of a new Charter Contract between Michigan Virtual Charter Academy and Hazel Park Schools Board of Education.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously approved

5. **Approval of October 23, 2023 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve October 23, 2023 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

6. **Finance Report**

- a. Motion to accept the September finance report

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

Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to approve the October K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$3,517,023.53

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve the October K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$3,517,023.53.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously approved

- c. Motion to accept the October finance report

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

Second: Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously approved

7. **Head of School Report**

MVCA's Data Analyst, Ms. Jessica Biehl, shared an update on state assessments. A big highlight is MVCA met the 95% student participation goal for state testing. Ms. Biehl also noted data trends for ELA and Math proficiency among peer schools and the state. MVCA outperformed four peer schools in ELA and outperformed two peer schools in Math.

Mr. Rodriguez explained that MVCA and schools around Michigan are on track to mitigate the learning loss that has occurred post 2020. In February, benchmark assessments will be presented to the board showing student growth data.

Mr. Rodriguez shared school highlights. High school science students participated in a field trip to Belle Isle Nature Center in which they learned how to collect data on mudpuppies. It was a great opportunity for students to get hands-on experience. Another highlight focused on a student who had been with MVCA since the third grade and graduated last spring. This student is now a salaried employee as a Junior Programmer at CUANSWERS in Grand Rapids, MI while pursuing a Computer Programming degree.

8. Discussion Items

a. Reauthorization Updates: Review of Completed MVCA Submissions to Hazel Park Schools:

- i. Reauthorization Contact Form**
- ii. Reauthorization Questionnaire**
 - 1. MVCA Contracted Services Summary**
- iii. Board Policy Certification Form**
- iv. MVCA Draft 2024-2025 Instructional Calendar**
- v. National Standards for Quality Online Programs (iNACOL) Self-Assessment**

Note: Mrs. Ann VanderLaan reviewed the Reauthorization Questionnaire responses and the MVCA Contracted Services Summary with the board members. It was noted that all Board Members sign the questionnaire form, and the Board President signs the Board Policy Certification form. Mr. Rodriguez explained the iNACOL Self-Assessment document and noted that all documents will be uploaded into Epicenter. It was determined that the timeline for the EPSA would be extended to no later than March 1.

9. New Business

- a. Motion to approve Clark Hill PLC Conflict of Interest and Waiver Letter and Consent to Michigan Virtual Charter Academy Board of Directors, and authorize Board President, Marva Foster, to sign Clark Hill PLC Conflict of Interest Waiver and Consent**

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve Clark Hill PLC Conflict of Interest and Waiver Letter and Consent to Michigan Virtual Charter Academy Board of Directors, and authorize Board President, Marva Foster, to sign Clark Hill PLC Conflict of Interest Waiver and Consent.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to approve MVCA Engagement of the law firm Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP to represent MVCA in the reauthorization process and the finalization of a new Charter Contract between Michigan Virtual Charter Academy and Hazel Park Schools Board of Education

Motion Removed from Agenda

10. Authorizer Comments and Updates

Mr. Mark Weinberg commended MVCA for completing the required documentation for reauthorization. He provided an explained that the iNACOL self-assessment originated from an organization that no longer exists, but that the self-assessment is still the preferred assessment of MDE.

11. K12 Comments and Updates

Mr. Todd McIntire shared that board members Foster, Walker, and Crowe Jr. attended the Stride Partner Summit in Virigina a couple weeks ago. Mr. McIntire expressed interest in talking with them to see what might be useful to bring back to the whole board. Mr. McIntire noted that the MAPSA conference is coming up in December and encouraged board members to attend. Furthermore, Mr. McIntire recognized Randy, the leadership team, and MVCA staff in their participation in the Stride Fall Promising Practices conference. Finally, Mr. McIntire noted that the charter school transparency bill has not moved forward at this time, but some changes may be coming.

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

None

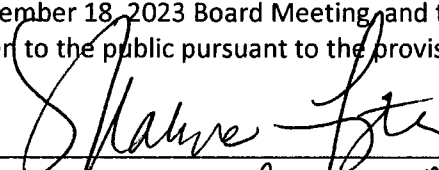
13. Reminder of Next Board Meeting

December 18, 2023
Clark Hill
220 Park Street, Suite 200, Birmingham, 48009
6:00 PM

14. Adjournment

7:05 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 November 20, 2023, and approved at the Board's Regular December 18, 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.



Ramone Crowe, Jr. Board President for
Board Secretary
Date 12/19/2023
