



Michigan Virtual Charter Academy

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**Michigan Virtual Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday – October 21, 2024
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/87910047081>

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Marva Foster, Monique Lake, Scott Stangeland, Ramone Crowe Jr., Colin Houston, Aaron Walker

Other Attendees:

Randy Rodriguez-MVCA, Rachel Forgo-MVCA, Jessica Biehl-MVCA, Dr. Laura Vanduyn-MVCA, Kirsten Brown-MVCA, Annie Butzu-MVCA, Linda Cilla-Cooper-MVCA, Lauri Alexander-MVCA, Justin Malama-MVCA, Ann VanderLaan-Clark Hill, Tom Travia-Stride K12, Jennifer Charles-Stride K12, Shelby Garcia-Yeo & Yeo Auditing Firm, Josh Weld-Wallis via zoom-MVCA, Todd McIntire via zoom-Stride K12, Holly Stefanski via zoom-Stefanski Accounting and Advising Services, LLC.

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 Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

5. **Approval of September 23, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve September 23, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

6. **Finance Report**

Yeo & Yeo Auditing Firm representative, Shelby Garcia, presented the 2023-2024 MVCA auditing process and conclusions. The 2023-2024 audit was a clean audit with no findings.

- a. Motion to accept the final annual audit for the 2023-2024 school year by Yeo & Yeo Auditing Firm

Motion: Director Ramone Crowe Jr. moved to accept the final annual audit for the 2023-2024 school year by Yeo & Yeo Auditing Firm.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously accepted

Mr. Tom Travia presented the September finance report.

- b. Motion to approve the September K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$3,846,356.70

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve the September K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$3,846,356.70.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously approved

- c. Motion to accept September finance report

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

Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously accepted

7. **Head of School Report**

- a. Testing Update

MVCA Data Analyst, Ms. Jessica Biehl, presented state testing data. Ms. Biehl shared data trends from the 2019 to the 2023-2024 school year ELA and Math. Ms. Biehl noted that MVCA is above peer schools and discussed that as a state,

Michigan schools and students are still catching up to pre Covid test scores. MVCA continues to dive into the data and bridge the gap between local assessments and state assessments.

b. **HS Update**

High School Principal Dr. Laura VanDuyn, Interim Assistant Principal Annie Butzu, Lead Counselor Lauri Alexander, Counselor Linda Cilla-Cooper, and CRE Program Coordinator Kirsten Brown, presented one of MVCA's Playbook chapters: Matriculation to the 3Es. They highlighted the MTSS program for high school students, college and career fairs, as well as college informational sessions held each week. High school students complete their grad plans choosing a pathway of employment, enrollment (education), or enlistment. MVCA offers partnerships with various colleges and universities for dual enrollment and certificate opportunities. They noted that these programs have grown over the years and continue to be a big priority and area of focus at the high school.

8. New Business

- a. Motion to approve December 16, 2024, board meeting location change from Hazel Park Schools to Clark Hill – Birmingham (220 Park Street, Suite 200, Birmingham, MI 48009)

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve December 16, 2024, board meeting location change from Hazel Park Schools to Clark Hill – Birmingham (220 Park Street, Suite 200, Birmingham, MI 48009).

Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously approved

9. Authorizer Comments and Updates

None

10. K12 Comments and Updates

Mr. Todd McIntire noted that the Stride Board and Partner Summit takes place this week in Virginia. He also expressed that Stride's focus has been on capturing enrollment and is now starting to shift to understanding what the students' needs are. Mr. McIntire noted that there aren't any big updates in legislation as the election is coming up. Stride is keeping an eye on the transparency bills which could bring the opportunity for more discussion and battle with online charter schools.

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

None

12. Reminder of Next Board Meeting

November 25, 2024

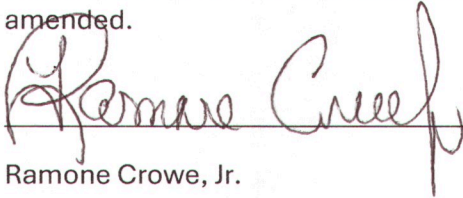
Hazel Park Schools

6:00 PM

13. Adjournment

7:25 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 October 21, 2024, and approved at the Board's Regular November 25, 2024 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

11/25/24
Date