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**Michigan Virtual Charter Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday – February 23, 2026
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/85910255508>

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Aaron Walker, Jacki Golden Lane

Other Attendees:

Randy Rodriguez-MVCA, Josh Weld-Wallis-MVCA, Amela Redzic-MVCA, Jan Collier-MVCA, Dave Krause-MVCA, Derek Schult-Stride K12, Ann VanderLaan-Clark Hill, Holly Stefanski- Stefanski Accounting and Advising Services, LLC., Mark Weinberg-Hazel Park, Rachel Arnette via zoom-MVCA, Todd McIntire via zoom-Stride K12, Lisa Zyriek 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 Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously approved

5. **Approval of February 2, 2026 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting**

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve February 2, 2026 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

6. **Finance Report**

Mr. Derek Schult presented the January finance report and modified budget.

- a. Motion to approve the January K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$2,554,996.64

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve the January K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$2,554,996.64.

Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to accept the January finance report

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

Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously accepted

- c. Motion to approve FY 2025-2026 Modified Budget and FY 2025-2026 Modified Budget Resolution

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve FY 2025-2026 Modified Budget and FY 2025-2026 Modified Budget Resolution.

Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously approved

It was noted that MVCA received the Educators Compensation Fund from MDE and that they are distributing these funds to recognize longevity by allocating funds according to three tiers: Under 5 years, 5 to 10 years, and 10 years and over.

7. **Head of School Report**

Student Support Team Presentation

MVCA Family Engagement Administrator, Amela Redzic, presented background information on MVCA's Student Support Team (SST) which consists of student support advisors, a community engagement advisor, student attendance specialist, student resource coordinators, and homeless liaison. She noted that the Student Support Team onboards and welcomes families, implements SEL programs, offers academic, mental, and emotional support, and provides resources to students and families.

Student Resource Coordinators, Jan Collier and Dave Krause, shared a deeper understanding of their roles within the SST. The resource coordinators are most involved in Tier II and Tier III

supports which include all levels and types of support for mental and emotional health support and services that are more specific and customized to what a student or family needs. Mrs. Collier noted that for SY 25/26 there have been over 342 referrals for short- or long-term on-going support in the first semester to the student resource coordinators. There are 135 MKV (homeless) referrals in the first semester. MKV supports include providing hotspots, personal care items, clothing, food, and academic support. Mr. Krause also shared that MVCA has been implementing a Social Emotion Learning (SEL) program for students and MVCA families for eight years. SEL helps to be proactive to various issues and needs rather than reactive. The SEL program includes communication and outreaches for families, problem solving support, open-office hours, webinars on topics such as cyber bullying, test anxiety, goal setting, etc. Students attend an assembly once a month related to SEL topics. There are also SEL sessions for MVCA staff each month. Mrs. Redzic noted that strategy and planning for SY 26-27 is currently taking place that includes further alignment with student resource coordinators and MKV supports, training for all staff, more integration of student support staff and grade band teams, continued data-driven interventions & progress monitoring, and increase utilization of external partnerships and resources.

8. Closed Session

- a. Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to review the MVCA Emergency Operations Plan

Roll call vote completed to enter into closed session.

Motion: Director Ramone Crowe Jr. moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to review the MVCA Emergency Operations Plan.

Second: Director Colin Houston

Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to enter into open session of the regular board meeting

Roll call vote completed to enter into open session.

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to enter into open session of the regular board meeting.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

9. New Business

- a. Motion to approve the MVCA Emergency Operations Plan

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the MVCA Emergency Operations Plan.

Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to approve the board resolution accepting the Stride K12 computer bid for the Spring 2026 State Testing Cycle in the amount of \$161,272.00 for MVCA's 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 and authorizing the Board President to execute the quote/agreement

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Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously approved

- c. Motion to approve Formative software renewal in the amount of \$11,475.00

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve Formative software renewal in the amount of \$11,475.00.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

10. Authorizer Comments and Updates

Mr. Mark Weinberg noted that there is a budget proposal by the Michigan governor. He encouraged the board of directors to attend Charter Day at the Capitol in April to help make their voices known in support of charter schools.

11. K12 Comments and Updates

Mr. Todd McIntire further expanded on the governor's budget proposal that would include a minimal budget increase for pupil funding, but a proposed 20% cut to cyber schools. There are additional education related debates occurring regarding bills for weighted funding for state aid to schools and the topic of school of choice. Stride will continue to monitor Michigan legislation. Mr. McIntire also noted that Stride is focused on the upcoming state testing. They are also in the planning process for school year 26-27 with the budget and enhancement of systems. Finally, Mr. McIntire stated that the Executive Director (ED) position has been posted, and he is engaged in the search for the new ED.

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

Mr. Randy Rodriguez celebrated the board of directors for Board Appreciation Month (January). He shared that it has been such a joy and honor working alongside the Board the last eight years. Mr. Rodriguez commended the Board's common agenda and how it has allowed implementation of services, programs, and support for students. He shared that MVCA is designing new apparel for our "Beat the Odds" theme, which should come out soon. Finally, Mr.

Rodriguez shared a news video highlighting one of MVCA's first grade student's experience at MVCA while she pursues her passion for fashion.

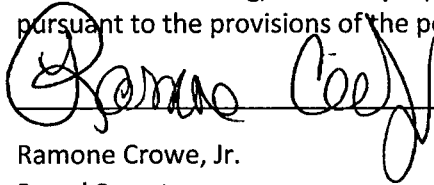
13. Reminder of Next Board Meeting

March 23, 2026
Hazel Park Schools
6:00 PM

14. Adjournment

7:40 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 February 23, 2026, and approved at the Board's Regular March 23, 2026 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

3/23/26
Date