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**Michigan Virtual Charter Academy  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Agenda  
Monday – March 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/81943716511>

**1. Call to Order**

Time: 6:01 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

Other Attendees:

Justin Malama-MVCA, Dr. Laura VanDuyn-MVCA, Annie Butzu-MVCA, Mike Scheel-MVCA, Lauri Alexander-MVCA, Derek Schult-Stride K12, Ann VanderLaan-Clark Hill, Holly Stefanski- Stefanski Accounting and Advising Services, LLC., Randy Rodriguez via zoom-MVCA, Rachel Arnette via zoom-MVCA, Sarah Chaar via zoom-MVCA, Josh Weld-Wallis via zoom-MVCA, Heather Esterline via zoom-MVCA, Kirsten Brown via zoom-MVCA, Linda Cilla Cooper via zoom-MVCA, Susan LeVasseur via zoom-MVCA, Todd McIntire via zoom-Stride K12, Lisa Zyriek via zoom-Stride K12, Mark Weinberg via zoom-Hazel Park

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

None

4. **Approval of Modified Agenda adding item 5a: Motion to approve February 23, 2026 Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(k) [revised from 8(h)] of the Open Meetings Act**

**Motion: Director Ramone Crowe Jr. moved to approve the Modified Agenda adding item 5a: Motion to approve February 23, 2026 Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(k) [revised from 8(h)] of the Open Meetings Act.**

**Second: Director Colin Houston**

**Motion unanimously approved**

5. **Approval of February 23, 2026 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

**Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve February 23, 2026 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting.**

**Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.**

**Motion unanimously approved**

5a. **Approval of February 23, 2026 Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(k) [revised from 8(h)] of the Open Meetings Act**

**Motion: Director Aaron Walker moved to approve February 23, 2026 Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(k) [revised from 8(h)] of the Open Meetings Act.**

**Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.**

**Motion unanimously approved**

6. **Finance Report**

Mr. Derek Schult presented the finance report.

- a. Motion to approve the February K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$2,235,000.55

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve the February K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$2,235,000.55.**

**Second: Director Aaron Walker**

**Motion unanimously approved**

- b. Motion to accept the February finance report

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

**Second: Director Colin Houston**

**Motion unanimously accepted**

7. **Head of School Report**

High School Presentation

High School Principal, Dr. Laura VanDuyn, introduced the high school counseling team, CTE, College & Career Readiness, & Dual Enrollment Coordinators, and high school assistant principal. Dr. VanDuyn highlighted the high school's growth and development over the last four years in curriculum & instruction, student achievement/graduation, systems, culture, advocacy & marketing, and advanced coursework. MVCA's Career and College Readiness Coordinator,

Heather Esterline, shared that students and families now have a central hub for a variety of resources for post-secondary planning, CTE, Dual Enrollment, financial aid, college visits, and careers. Students can attend a "Career in 30" session each week in which a different career is explored. Around 90-130 students attend these sessions. Mrs. Esterline also noted that the high school offers 5 AP courses this year. MVCA's CTE Coordinator, Kirsten Brown, shared that students are connected to local high school career tech centers in which students are in culinary arts, auto tech, welding, and construction programs. Another option for students is through community college career training. MVCA's Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Linda Cilla-Cooper, shared that students are enrolled in a variety of courses through Michigan colleges such as Graphic Design, Paleontology, and Medical Terminology. For the 25-26 school year, 83 students are participating in the dual enrollment program.

## 8. New Business

- a. Motion to approve the increase of testing computers from 1500 to 1800 for a total amount up to \$191,805.00 in accordance with the approved Stride K12 computer bid pricing for the Spring 2026 State Testing Cycle

**Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the increase of testing computers from 1500 to 1800 for a total amount up to \$191,805.00 in accordance with the approved Stride K12 computer bid pricing for the Spring 2026 State Testing Cycle.**

**Second: Director Scott Stangeland**

**Motion unanimously approved**

- b. Motion to approve school year 2026-2027 computer rules for the distribution to students: students in grades K-12 will receive a one-to-one laptop distribution

**Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve school year 2026-2027 computer rules for the distribution to students: students in grades K-12 will receive a one-to-one laptop distribution.**

**Second: Director Scott Stangeland**

**Motion unanimously approved**

- c. Motion to approve Gizmos software renewal in the amount of \$17,298.36

**Motion: Director Aaron Walker moved to approve Gizmos software renewal in the amount of \$17,298.36.**

**Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.**

**Motion unanimously approved**

- d. Motion to approve Chalk software renewal in the amount of \$5,556.31

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve Chalk software renewal in the amount of \$5,556.31.**

**Second: Director Aaron Walker**

**Motion unanimously approved**

- e. Motion to approve MVCA Board Organizational Meeting on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Hazel Park Schools

**Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve MVCA Board Organizational Meeting on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Hazel Park Schools.**

**Second: Director Aaron Walker**

**Motion unanimously approved**

**9. Authorizer Comments and Updates**

Mr. Mark Weinberg noted that there are not any new updates regarding the Governor's proposed budget and monitoring will continue.

**10. K12 Comments and Updates**

None

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

None

**12. Reminder of Next Board Meeting**

April 27, 2026

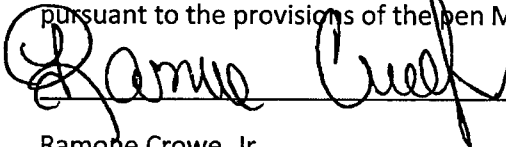
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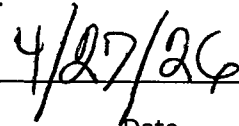
**13. Adjournment**

7:03 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 March 23, 2026, and approved at the Board's Regular April 27, 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



Date