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Michigan Virtual Charter Academy
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday – August 24, 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/89847257021

1. **Call to Order** Time: 6:20 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**
   Marva Foster, Monique Lake, Colin Houston, Scott Stangeland, Jacki Golden Lane
   Absent: Ramone Crowe Jr., Aaron Walker

   Other Attendees:
   Melissa Smith-MVCA, Josh Weld-Wallis-MVCA, Todd McIntire-Stride K12, Ann VanderLaan-Clark Hill, Ilya Smith-Clark Hill, Mark Weinberg-Hazel Park, Kevin Stephens-MVCA, Susan Stephens-MVCA, Rachel Arnette via zoom-MVCA, Derek Schult via zoom-Stride K12, Lisa Zyriek via zoom-Stride K12, Amy Johnson via zoom-Stride K12; Holly Stefanski via zoom- Stefanski Accounting and Advising Services, LLC., Jessica Albrecht via zoom-MVCA, Angela Hammer via zoom-MVCA

3. **Public Comment on Agenda** (comment on agenda items only, 3 minutes per person)
   None

4. **Approval of Modified Agenda as written**

   Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the Modified Agenda as written.
   Second: Director Monique Lake
   Motion unanimously approved

5. **Approval of July 27, 2026 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve July 27, 2026 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting.
Second: Director Scott Stangeland
Motion unanimously approved

6. **Approval of July 27, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve July 27, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes.
Second: Director Monique Lake
Motion unanimously approved

7. **Finance Report**

Mr. Derek Schult presented the July finance report.

a. Motion to approve the July K12 and non-K12 invoices of $900,689.72

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve the July K12 and non-K12 invoices of $900,689.72.
Second: Director Colin Houston
Motion unanimously approved

b. Motion to accept July finance report

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to accept the July finance report.
Second: Director Colin Houston
Motion unanimously accepted

8. **Head of School Report**

Overview of Updated MTSS Plan

Head of School, Ms. Melissa Smith, outlined the changes to the MTSS Plan. Ms. Smith noted that majority of students come into the school year qualifying for Tier II and Tier III interventions, and so MVCA is more proactive with interventions from the start of the school year. Ms. Smith explained that grade bands are implementing the IXL program, where students take a diagnostic assessment within the first couple of days of school. This allows Immediate pinpoints of students' strengths and academic needs. Ms. Smith also emphasized that Stride Tutoring is an important piece to the MTSS plan as it will mimic an academic interventionist's schedule, groupings, and curriculum. There will be continuous discussion and data review for effective implementation of MTSS.

9. **Discussion Items**

Mrs. Ann VanderLaan and Mrs. Ilya Smith reviewed policies a-d. Mr. Mark Weinberg reviewed item e.

a. Non-Discrimination and EEO Policy, Anti-Harassment Policy, non-Title IX, Title IX Statement and Grievance Procedure (updated)
b. FERPA Policy-Directory Information (updated)
c. Student Acceptable Use Policy
d. 2026-2027 Parent-Student Handbook
e. National Charter School Institute Policy Service

10. **New Business**

a. Motion to approve MVCA Wireless Communication Devices Board policy

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve MVCA Wireless Communication Devices Board Policy.
Second: Director Scott Stangeland
Motion unanimously approved

b. Motion to approve MVCA Student Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve MVCA Student Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy.
Second: Director Monique Lake
Motion unanimously approved

c. Motion to approve MVCA Student Plagiarism and Academic Integrity Policy

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve MVCA Student Plagiarism and Academic Integrity Policy.
Second: Director Monique Lake
Motion unanimously approved

d. Motion to approve MVCA Behavior Threat Assessment and Management Policy

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve MVCA Behavior Threat Assessment and Management Policy.
Second: Director Monique Lake
Motion unanimously approved

e. Motion to approve MVCA Student Acceptable Use Policy

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve MVCA Student Acceptable Use Policy.
Second: Director Colin Houston
Motion unanimously approved

f. Motion to approve MVCA Whistleblower Policy

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve MVCA Whistleblower Policy.
Second: Director Monique Lake
Motion unanimously approved

g. Motion to approve updated FERPA Policy-Directory Information

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve updated FERPA Policy-Directory Information.
Second: Director Colin Houston
Motion unanimously approved

h. Motion to approve the updated Non-Discrimination and EEO Policy, Anti-Harassment Policy, non-Title IX Policy and Title IX Policy

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the updated Non-Discrimination and EEO Policy, Anti-Harassment Policy, non-Title IX Policy and Title IX Policy.
Second: Director Scott Stangeland
Motion unanimously approved

i. Motion to approve school year 2026-2027 MVCA Parent-Student Handbook

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve school year 2026-2027 MVCA Parent-Student Handbook.
Second: Director Monique Lake
Motion unanimously approved

j. Motion to Move Into Closed Session to Consider Updated Emergency Operations Plan pursuant to MCL 15.268(k) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to enter into Closed Session to Consider Updated Emergency Operations Plan pursuant to MCL 15.268(k) of the Open Meetings Act.
Second: Director Foster did not ask for a second but went into roll call vote
Roll Call Vote completed to enter into closed session.

k. Motion to Move Into Open Session following closed session

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to enter into Open Session of the regular board meeting following closed session.
Second: Director Foster did not ask for a second but went into roll call vote
Roll Call Vote completed to enter into open session.

l. Motion to approve Amendments to Emergency Operations Plan

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve Amendments to the Emergency Operations Plan.
Second: Director Scott Stangeland
Motion unanimously approved

m. Motion to approve Resolution approving MVCA Conflict Waiver Regarding Data Processing Addendum and K12 Tutoring Contracts

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve Resolution approving MVCA Conflict Waiver Regarding Data Processing Addendum and K12 Tutoring Contracts.
Second: Director Monique Lake
Motion unanimously approved

n. Motion to move into Closed Session to review written attorney-client privilege communication under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to enter into Closed Session to review written attorney-client privilege communication under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.
Second: Director Foster did not ask for a second but went into roll call vote
Roll call vote completed to enter into closed session.

o. Motion to move into Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting following closed session

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to enter into Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting following closed session.
Second: Director Scott Stangeland
Roll call vote completed to enter into open session.

11. Authorizer Comments and Updates

Mr. Mark Weinberg updated the Board that Mr. Griff Mills continues as Interim Superintendent of Hazel Park and board will continue to be updated as needed. Mr. Weinberg also noted the Reading Curriculum requirements - that MVCA will inform parents about the school's reading program via website.

12. K12 Comments and Updates

Mr. Todd McIntire thanked the board for the discussion and approvals of the policies. Schools have started and Stride K12 continues to implement enhancements in platforms and courses. Legislature is quiet; some literacy bills did not pass. He noted that there is a new opening in September to submit curriculum that Stride is considering; Michigan is submitting a not approved list.

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

None

14. **Reminder of Next Board Meeting**

September 28, 2026
Hazel Park Schools
6:00 PM

15. **Adjournment**

8:36 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 August 24, 2026, and approved at the Board's Regular September 28, 2026 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 Secretary

Date