

**Flint Cultural Center Academy**  
**Proposed Minutes for the Board Organizational Meeting**  
**October 22, 2018 @12:00 Noon**  
**Flint Institute of Arts Board Room**

Board Members present: Rodney Lontine; Kay Schwartz; Todd Slisher; John Henry; Jarret Haynes

Others present: Bill Haley; Gary Collins, legal counsel; Mark Sinila; Eric Lieske; Matt Cawood, GVSU; Don Cooper, GVSU; Scott Corba, legal counsel; Michael Cousins, GVSU; Jennifer Acree; Yashia Thames

**I. Call to Order and administration of Oath to Board Members:**

- Mr. Don Cooper called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. Mr. Cooper administered the oath of office to Board Members.

**II. Election of Board Officers:** Upon separate motions, each duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the persons listed below be elected to serve as officers of the Flint Cultural Center Academy.

- Todd Slisher - President
  - i. Nominated by Mr. Haynes, supported by Mr. Henry
- Rodney Lontine - Vice President
  - i. Nominated by Mr. Haynes, supported by Mr. Henry
- Kay Schwartz – Treasurer
  - i. Nominated by Mr. Haynes, supported by Mr. Henry
- Jarret Haynes – Secretary
  - i. Nominated by Mr. Slisher, supported by Ms. Schwartz

**III. Public Comment:** Ms. Yashia Thames, 1401 W. Genesee St., Flint MI requested information regarding enrollment in the school. Eric Lieske will follow up.

**IV. Additions to the Agenda:** No additions were made to the agenda.

**V. Adoption of Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws:** Upon motion duly made (Mr. Haynes), seconded (Ms. Schwartz) and unanimously carried, the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Flint Cultural Center Academy, as presented to the Board, were adopted. Ms. Schwartz sought and received clarification that the term “director” in Article 7, Section 1-B of the Articles of Incorporation refers to the authorizing entity, Grand Valley State University.

**VI. Adoption of Calendar of Regular Board Meetings for fiscal year 18-19:** Upon motion duly made (Ms. Schwartz), seconded (Mr. Henry) and unanimously carried, the calendar of Regular Board Meetings for fiscal year 2018 - 2019 was adopted as follows:

December 10, 2018  
January 14, 2019  
February 11, 2019  
March 11, 2019  
April 8, 2019  
May 13, 2019  
June 10, 2019 (Budget Hearing @ 5:00pm followed by Board Meeting @ 5:30pm)  
July 8, 2019 (Board Organizational Meeting)

*All board meetings will be held at 5:30pm, site TBD*

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- VII. **Designation of Flint Cultural Center Corporation offices and Flint Cultural Center Academy website as places to post calendar and individual meeting notices of regularly scheduled and special meeting dates for the Board:** Upon motion duly made (Ms. Schwartz), seconded (Mr. Henry) and unanimously carried, the Flint Cultural Center Corporation offices and the Flint Cultural Center Academy website were designated as the physical and electronic places respectively for posting notices of regularly scheduled and special meeting dates of the Board.
- VIII. **Discussion of how best to execute all documents necessary to complete the charter contract with Grand Valley State University:** Upon motion duly made (Mr. Henry), seconded (Mr. Lontine) and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the Board President be, and hereby is, authorized to sign charter contract documents with Grand Valley State University on behalf of the Board.
- IX. **Designation of depository of Board funds:** Upon motion duly made (Mr. Haynes), seconded (Ms. Schwartz) and unanimously carried, action on this item was tabled for reconsideration at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- X. **Designation of The Flint Journal/MLive as the principal print media source:** Upon motion duly made (Ms. Schwartz), seconded (Mr. Henry) and unanimously carried, The Flint Journal/MLive was designated as the Academy's principal print media source.
- XI. **Designation of Board Treasurer (General Fund) and Flint Cultural Center Corporation COO (Grant Funds) as signatories:** Upon motion duly made (Mr. Henry), seconded (Mr. Haynes) and unanimously carried, the Board Treasurer (for General Fund disbursements) and the Flint Cultural Center Corporation COO (for Grant Fund disbursements) were individually designated as signatories.
- XII. **Appointment of Collins & Blaha, P.C. as Legal Counsel:** Upon motion duly made (Mr. Lontine), seconded (Ms. Schwartz) and unanimously carried, Collins & Blaha, P.C. was appointed as Legal Counsel for the Academy.
- XIII. **Appointment of Taylor & Morgan, P.C. as External Auditor:** Upon motion duly made (Ms. Schwartz), seconded (Mr. Henry) and unanimously carried, Taylor & Morgan, P.C. was appointed as External Auditor for the Academy's first year of operation.
- XIV. **Comments from the Board:** Mr. Haynes recognized the valuable assistance from legal counsel. He also gave special commendation to Bill Haley for his exceptional counsel and guidance on this project. Board members concurred. Mr. Slisher expressed appreciation to Eric Lieske for accepting the leadership role for the school. Mr. Lieske stated that he is very excited to jump in and get the Flint Cultural Center Academy off the ground.
- XV. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, upon motion duly made (Mr. Haynes), seconded (Ms. Schwartz) and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Duhon