

Flint Cultural Center  
Academy

**Board of Education**

March 11, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Flint Institute of  
Arts Board Room

**Proposed Minutes**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**Members Present:** Mr. Henry; Mr. Lontine; Ms. Schwartz; Mr. Slisher

**Administration Present:** Mr. Lieske

**Staff:** Mrs. Tamalunas

**Other Guests:** Scott Corba, Collins & Blaha P.C.; Mark Sinila, FCCC; Matt Cawood, GVSU; Kaili Brandon; Kendra Gilmer; Tyler Spooner; Karima AmLani Bostock; Lamont Richardson; Bermicia Parks; Jennifer Mason; Nina and Adam Haffajee; Bonnie Haffajee; Corinne Edwards; Nina Haffajee

- A. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Flint Cultural Center Academy was called to order by President Todd Slisher at 5:30 p.m. at the Flint Institute of Arts
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Slisher.
- C. **Roll Call:** Amy Tamalunas read the roll. Members present: Todd Slisher, Rodney Lontine, John Henry, Kathryn Schwartz
- D. **Approval of Agenda:** *Moved by Ms. Schwartz, supported by Mr. Lontine, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no.*
- E. **Approval of Minutes:** *Moved by Mr. Lontine, supported by Ms. Schwartz, to approve the minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on February 28, 2019. The motion carried with a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no.*
- F. **Communications/Presentations - Related to Agenda:**
  - 1. **Public Hearing for Pre-Labor Day Start of School:** The Flint Cultural Center Academy plans to operate on a balanced school calendar and tonight Mr. Lieske provided background information on the Pre-Labor Day start of school to comply with Section 1284b of the revised School Code that has been submitted to the

Michigan Department of Education. One step in compliance to the Pre-Labor Day start of school is a public hearing which will be coordinated into this conversation. Chad Urchike granted a verbal waiver for three years from the Michigan Department of Education and explained that a formal notification will be emailed in the next few days to Mr. Lieske. No questions from the public were stated.

2. **Updates from Grand Valley State University:** Grand Valley State University serves as the Charter School Authorizer for the Flint Cultural Center Academy. GVSU School Consultant Mr. Matt Cawood provided updates to the board. Amendments have been made to all Charter school contracts in Michigan, per changes in State law. A copy will be mailed to FCCA later this spring for signatures. Mr. Cawood also invited the Board members to the GVSU Charter School Office Board Reception on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Detroit or on April 16<sup>th</sup> in Grand Rapids. Board members interested in attending should contact Mrs. Tamalunas, for final RSVP count. Mr. Cawood is also in the process of verifying US citizenship for all board members.

1. **From the Public:** Visitors who wish to address the Board, and who are not already on the evening's agenda, may do so at this time.

Jennifer Mason asked questions regarding employment and Mr. Lieske provided answers.

Kendra Gilmer asked about the quality of teachers being hired particularly regarding classroom management. Mr. Lieske stated that he has extensive experience hiring teachers and places a high value on developing school culture. Mr. Lieske plans to hire a staff that is diverse in teaching experience, life experience, and racial background to best represent the student body.

Bonnie Haffajee asked if FCCA will provide student transportation. Mr. Lieske stated that he has been in contact with various companies regarding transportation services who will service students in the City of Flint. Ms. Haffajee also asked about curriculum selection. Mr. Lieske stated that FCCA is close to finishing curriculum selection.

2. **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to be read.

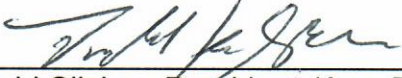
G. **Action Items:** None at this time.

H. **Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board:** Ms. Schwartz was pleased to share that the Flint Public Library is a finalist for the Institute of Museums and Library Services national medal.

I. **Future Meeting Date:** Monday, April 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the FIA Board Room

J. **Adjournment:** *Moved by Mr. Lontine, supported by Ms. Schwartz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no.*

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Slisher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Todd Slisher, President (Amy Tamalunas)  
Flint Cultural Center Academy