

# FLINT CULTURAL CENTER ACADEMY

## Board of Education

July 20, 2022

5:30pm

Flint Cultural Center Academy

## **PROPOSED MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karima Amlani-Bostick  
Rodney Lontine  
Lamont Richardson  
Todd Slisher

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Renita Bingham, Kay Schwartz

**ADMINISTRATION:** Eric Lieske

**STAFF:** Amy Tamalunas

**OTHER GUESTS:** Ryan Castiglione, Bill Barker

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Flint Cultural Center Academy Board of Education was called to order by President Todd Slisher at 5:33 pm.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Todd Slisher.
- C. ROLL CALL:** Amy Tamalunas read the roll. Members present: Karima Amlani-Bostick, Rodney Lontine, Lamont Richardson, Todd Slisher
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson, to approve the modified agenda, removed Action Item I., it is a duplicate. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick, to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2022, meeting. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.

## **F. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Flint Cultural Center Academy Updates:** Flint Cultural Center Academy CEO Eric Lieske provided an update on the happenings of the Academy.
  - Summer Programming
  - MDE CSP Grant
  - Staffing
  
2. **Grand Valley State University Update:** Grand Valley State University, update provided by Bill Barker.
  - Information on upcoming board training options.
  - Tracee Glab, the new director of the Flint Institute of Arts, once she completes her application for becoming a member of the FCCA Board of Education will be added to the agenda for approval at the GVSU November board meeting.
  
3. **From the Public:**

None
  
4. **Correspondence:** None

## **G. ACTION ITEMS:**

### **Reports, Recommendations, Resolutions:**

- a. **Approval of the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar:** A *draft* version of a proposed Flint Cultural Center Academy 2022-2023 school calendar was previously distributed to board members. The proposed school calendar meets/exceeds all statutory requirements set forth in the Michigan revised school code. **It is recommended that the 2022-2023 Flint Cultural Center Academy school calendar be approved.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.
  
- b. **Adoption of Calendar for Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Dates and Times:** A *draft* version of the proposed calendar for meeting dates and times for the Flint Cultural Center Academy Board meetings was distributed previously for review by board members. **It is recommended that the 2022-2023 Flint Cultural Center Academy Board meeting calendar be approved.** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.

- c. Approval of Posting Location for Calendar and Board Meeting Notices:** The Academy will post public notices and calendar information at the main entrance of the Academy and on the Academy's website at [www.fccacademy.org](http://www.fccacademy.org). **It is recommended to approve notices to the public be posted at the Academy and on the Academy's website.** Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.
- d. Approval of Depository:** The board must authorize agencies that may serve as depository(ies). **It is recommended that Huntington Bank continue to serve as the depository for the Flint Cultural Center Academy.** Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.
- e. Adoption of Designating Principal Print Media Source:** Public schools are required to identify a print media source for posting pertinent information for public viewing. **It is recommended that the Flint Journal be utilized as the print media source for the Flint Cultural Center Academy.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.
- f. Authorized Signatures:** Each year the Board must authorize the signatures of those persons who may sign checks upon the various accounts of the District. Personal, facsimile and electronic signatures may be used as authorized by the Board. **We recommend you authorize the Treasurer and/or CEO to sign all district checks, either by personal, facsimile or electronic signature.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.
- g. Adoption Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Implement Contracts with Service Providers (vendors):** Vendors with whom the Flint Cultural Center Academy works sometimes require evidence that the CEO is empowered by the Board to negotiate/implement contracts on behalf of the Academy. **It is recommended that the Chief Executive Officer of the Flint Cultural Center Academy be authorized to negotiate and implement contracts with service providers (vendors).** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.
- h. Appointment of Title IX, Freedom of Information, and Civil Rights Coordinators:** The Academy is required to appoint person(s) to fulfill the duties of these roles. **It is recommended that the appointment of Title IX and Civil Rights Coordinators be the CEO and/or his/her designee.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.

- i. ~~**Appointment of Freedom of Information Officer:**~~ The Academy is required to appoint person(s) to fulfill the duties of the Freedom of Information Officer. ~~**It is recommended that the appointment of the Freedom of Information Officer be the CEO.**~~ Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, supported by \_\_\_\_\_. The motion was carried with a vote of \_\_\_\_-yes, 0-no.
- j. **Reappointment and Appointment of Legal Counsel:** We request that the board take action to approve the continuation of our affiliation with the law firm of Collins & Blaha, P.C. and the Thrun Law Firm, P.C. **It is recommended that the reappointment of Collins & Blaha, P.C. and Thrun Law Firm, P.C. to serve as Legal Counsel for the Flint Cultural Center Academy be approved.** Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.
- k. **Reappointment of External Auditor.** The Board previously approved the appointment of Yeo & Yeo CPAs and Business Consultants to serve as the external auditor for the Flint Cultural Center Academy. **It is recommended that Yeo & Yeo be reappointed to serve as the External Auditor for the Flint Cultural Center Academy be approved.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.
- l. **Approval of Courses/Curriculum.** The following curriculum/courses are utilized to meet the state level standards for teaching and learning at the Flint Cultural Center Academy:

Grades K through 7: Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Physical Education, Art, and Music, all of which will be aligned with content standards adopted by the Michigan Department of Education and taught by a Michigan certificated teacher or a person holding a valid credentials. These courses may be supplemented with additional curricular resources, including Eureka Math, Zearn Math, Amplify Science, EL Education, LearnZillion, Microsoft Teams, Explorations in Art, Music for Little Mozarts, Alfred's Group Piano Course, Essential Elements for Strings, and Vocalize!

**It is recommended that the list of courses to be offered to students enrolled in the Flint Cultural Center Academy either face to face or through remote instruction be approved.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.

- m. **Approval of Full Time Status:** Grades K-8: Grades kindergarten through eighth are taught largely in self-contained classes, without specifically identified courses. The Board considers a student to be full

time if the student is scheduled to attend at least 80% of each day at the Flint Cultural Center Academy or through remote instruction provided by the Flint Cultural Center Academy staff and receives instruction in the core subject areas of Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts. **It is recommended that the adoption for determining a student's full-time status be approved.** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.

**n. Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Membership Approval:** The membership to the Michigan High School Athletic Association provides opportunities for student athletes throughout the state of Michigan. The membership is voluntary and free of cost but is necessary for our athletic teams to be eligible to participate in MHSAA-sponsored tournaments along with additional opportunities to form cooperative agreements with neighboring schools. **It is recommended that the MHSAA membership for 2022/2023 as well as a MHSAA Cooperative Team Application between International Academy of Flint and the Flint Cultural Center Academy for middle school football be approved.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.

**o. Nomination of Tracee Glab to the Flint Cultural Center Academy Board of Directors.** Tracee Glab is the new executive director of the Flint Institute of Arts and has been nominated to serve on the board. Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.

**H. Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board (from Board Members):** None

**I. Future Meeting Date:**

Next Meeting: August 8, 5:30 pm

**J. ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Rodney Lontine on, to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Lamont Richardson, Board Secretary

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