Hope Academy of West Michigan Board of Directors
Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Mission: *Hope Academy of West Michigan is a safe environment for students and families, where students can reach their full potential academically and as individuals.*

Date: June 22, 2026

Time: 7:00 AM
Place: Hope Academy of West Michigan
240 Brown St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

I. Call to Order and Roll Call. *Barth Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:58 a.m.*

A. **Board Members Present.** *Barth Roberts, Dr. Bernard Ayoola, Mark Brouwer, and Dr. Nygil Likely.*

B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** *Michelle Eddie*

C. **Others Present.** *Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Dr. Michele Siderman, Ferris CSO Representative; Laurie Strach, Recording Secretary.*

II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only). *None.*

III. Approval of Agenda. *A motion was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola to approve the agenda. It was supported by Barth Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Consent Calendar

A. **Approval of Proposed May 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.** *A motion was made by Dr. Nygil Likely to approve the proposed May 18, 2026 Regular and Budget Hearing Board Meeting minutes as presented and was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
B. **DAN Update.** *Handout provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
C. **School Monthly Summary.** *Handout provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
D. **Parent/Community Partner's Update.** *Handout provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*

V. Old Business. *None.*

VI. New Business

A. Student Achievement. *Dr. Arthur Garner presented the student spring testing growth and achievement data.*

B. Mission Minute (Barth Roberts). *Barth Roberts encouraged the attendees to read a provided speech from this years' graduating valedictorian. He paralleled her success with Hope's Mission.*

C. AMP Plan Progress Report. *Dr. Heidi Cate and Dr. Arthur Garner reviewed the AMP Plan-End of Year Progress Report for 2025-26.*

D. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report. *Dr. Michele Siderman indicated that there was no update for June.*

E. Integrity Educational Services Reports

1. Finance Reports.

a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the May 2026 financial statements. Dr. Bernard Ayoola made a motion to approve the May 2026 check register and the motion was supported by Dr. Nygil Likely. The motion passed unanimously. Leslie also reviewed the Technology Services Agreement with KISD. Dr. Nygil Likely made a motion to approve the Technology Services Agreement. The motion was supported by Barth Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.*

b. 2025-26 Final Budget. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the 2025-26 Final Budget for the General and Food Services Funds. Dr. Nygil Likely made amotion to pass the General Fund Budget. It was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Nygil Likely made a motion to pass the Food Services Budget. It was supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*

c. Insurance. *The Board discussed a new insurance provider and the associated cost.*

d. Food Service Update. *The Board agreed to be the SFA for Lighthouse Academy - Cedar Springs under an alternate agreement. Lighthouse Academy – South will be the staging location for transporting cold breakfast and lunch.*

e. Review and approve financial and internal control policies. *Leslie Cummings reviewed a few changes to the Internal Control Policies and the Purchasing and Reimbursement Procedures. A motion was made by Dr. Nygil Likely and supported by Mark Brouwer to approve the updated policies. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Human Resources. *Leslie Cummings shared that all open positions have been filled.*

F. Board Development Credits/Reports. *None.*

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VII. Correspondence. *Dr. Heidi Cate presented the Board with a membership resolution for the Michigan High School Athletics Association. Dr. Nygil Likely made a motion to accept the resolution. It was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously. Additional correspondence included a memo from FSU regarding the QPRG audit report and the school's successful results. Also included was a memo from the FSU CSO regarding timing for the Reauthorization Review.*

VIII. Extended Public Comment* (limited to non-agenda items only). *None.*

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular and Organizational Board Meeting Date

July 27, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.
Hope Academy of West Michigan
240 Brown Street SE
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X. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Dr. Nygil Likely to adjourn the meeting and was supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 a.m.

Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors under Items II and IX above are requested to sign in with the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.

Complaints or concerns regarding Board members or school employees associated with the Academy shall first be addressed in writing and delivered to the Board President at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting or such complaints or concerns shall not be heard by the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner. (Source: Board Policy 0167.3)

Proposed minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection at the Hope Academy of West Michigan/Integrity Educational Services Central office at 3300 36th Street, SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512, eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available within five (5) business days after the meeting at which they are approved (in accordance with Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267.)

Submitted by:

L. Strach

Laurie Strach
Recording Secretary

Date: 7/27/26

Approved by:

~~Dr. Bernard A~~yoola Barth Roberts
Bo~~ard Secr~~etary President

Date: 7/27/2026