Hope Academy of West Michigan Board of Directors
Approved 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: September 22, 2025

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 6:56 a.m.*

A. **Board Members Present:** *Barth Roberts, Dr. Bernard Ayoola, Mark Brouwer, Michelle Eddie, and Todd Medendorp.*

B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice):** *None.*

C. **Others Present:** *Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant Principal, Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Field Representative; and Tracy Clawson, Recording Secretary; Doug Vredeveld, Audit Partner (departed the meeting at 7:10 a.m.)*

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

III. Approval of Agenda. *A motion was made by Todd Medendorp and was supported by Michelle Eddie to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Consent Calendar

Approval of the August 25, 2025 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion was made by Michelle Eddie to approve the proposed August 25, 2025 Regular meeting minutes as presented and was supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*

V. Old Business. *None.*

VI. New Business

A. Auditor Review of Audited 2024-25 Financial Statements. *Doug Vredeveld from Vredeveld Haefner, LLC., reviewed the audited 2025-25 school year financial statements, which had no findings and received an unqualified opinion. A motion to accept the Audited Financial Statements was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*

B. Student Achievement. *Josh Barnhart reviewed the NWEA MAP Fall 2025 test scores with the Board along with other key data including discipline rates and behavioral interventions.*

C. AMP Plan Progress Report. *Dr. Heidi Cate presented the AMP plan and discussed the goals set for the current school year.*

D. FSU-CSO Updates. *Dr. Michele Siderman referred the Board to the October 2025 FSU Monthly Board Communication handout.*

E. Reports *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
1. School Monthly Summary
2. Parent/community partners' update
3. DAN updates

F. Enrollment update. *Josh Barnhart informed the Board that student enrollment was approximately 295 K-12 age students.*

G. ESP Evaluation Survey Results. *Dr. Michele Siderman reviewed the results from the recent ESP evaluation survey. Dr. Siderman discussed that overall, the Board seems to be satisfied with the oversight and management provided by Integrity Educational Services.*

H. Board development credits/reports (as applicable) – *Barth Roberts informed the Board of an upcoming professional development opportunity that he is planning to attend in October.*

I. FSU Board Report Follow-Ups. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed with the Board a guidance document created to outline the necessary compliance requirements established by the State. These compliance items will be reviewed annually.*

I. Integrity Educational Services Reports

1. Finance reports

   a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the August 2025 financial statements. Todd Medendorp made a motion to approve the August 2025 check register and the motion was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously. Leslie also updated the Board on the lunch program. There will be a Food Service fund added to the September financial statements.*

2. Human Resources: *Leslie Cummings shared that HR is currently recruiting to fill a paraprofessional vacancy.*

VII. Correspondence. *The Board was provided with a handout providing information on the upcoming MAPSA Symposium scheduled for December 2025.*

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

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IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting Date
October 27, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.
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X. Adjournment. *Barth Roberts thanked Todd Medendorp for his years of service to the HAWM Board.*

A motion was made by Michelle Eddie to adjourn the meeting and was supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned by 8:04 p.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:	Approved by:
Tracy Clawson	
Tracy Clawson Recording Secretary	Bernard Ayoola Board Secretary
Date: 9/22/2025	Date: 10/27/25