

**Muskegon Covenant Academy**  
125 Catherine Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442  
(231) 720-3100

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**BOARD MEETING**  
**MUSKEGON COVENANT ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Date: February 15, 2022  
Time: 12:00 P.M.  
Location: 125 Catherine Ave. Muskegon MI 49442

**MINUTES**

MEETING TYPE:     Regular     Special     Proposed     Approved

**A. Call to Order** – Asaline Scott called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM

**B. Roll Call**

Asaline Scott, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Donna Secor-Pennington, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jim Fisher, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
John Selmon, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Goeff Hansen, Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent

**Other Attendees:**

Mia Clark-Grissom, MCA School Leader	Sam Joseph, CAF
Amanda Acker, Dir of Academic Progress	Matt Cawood, GVSU
Gretchen LaHaie, Dir of Operational Services	Tonya Landis, Board Recording Secretary
Lauren Meldrum, pending board member	Dan Matthews, CAF
Doreen Mangrum	Cedric Scott, MCA School SW
Emmitt Davis, MCA College & Career Ready Specialist	
Gregory Pitman, CAF Board Member entered at 12:30	

**C. Public Comment on Agenda-** None

**D. Mission Statement**

**E. Approval of Agenda-Motion:** Jim Fisher motioned to approve the agenda

**Support:** John Selmon seconded the motion    **Ayes: 4**    **Nays: 0**

**F. Approval/Acceptance of Standard Business**

**a. Approval of the following Meeting Minutes:**

**i. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2021**

**ii. Special Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2022**

**Motion:** Donna Pennington motioned to approve the board meeting minutes

**Support:** Jim Fisher seconded the motion    **Ayes: 4**    **Nays: 0**

**b. School Report**

**i. Mission Points of Pride-(Mia Clark-Grissom)** 159 students enrolled, 55 new students, average attendance in the building is 33%, and about 100 students were in the building on count day. Urban League of West Michigan is teaching soft skills to students to help with employment success. Success story: Student who graduated from MCA, got a factory job, purchased a home, and has now enrolled at MCC. Cedric Scott introduced himself and explained about his role with counseling groups and individuals at MCA. Jim Fisher discussed the program with GoodTemps and Aludyne. Emmitt Davis introduced himself and discussed some of the students in the Aludyne program. For many of the students, this has been their first job.

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- ii. **Barriers Report-(Dan Matthews)** Eight months into the barriers study and eight main barriers have been reported by students and those will probably not change throughout the rest of the year. The study helps staff on where to focus. Mr. Joseph discussed the value of the barriers study.
  - iii. **Progress Update -(Mandy Acker)** Credits earned so far this year have been 52.5. More credits earned last year compared to this year, but the education program is still transitioning.
  - iv. **ELP Goals & Benchmark Assessments (Mandy Acker)** Discussed a progression tier system. Discussed the covid learning mid-year progress report that goes with the phases that support our GVSU goals.
  - v. Mr. Joseph addressed the board from the Foundation level about adding another consultant to services all three schools. Doreen Mangrum has been contracted so MCA will lose her as a potential board member.
- c. **Financial/Personnel Update (Gretchen LaHaie)**
- i. **Personnel Update:** Hired a new street outreach Adrienne Melton and two staff members resigned. Looking to hire a Social Studies teacher that can also do reading.
  - ii. **Budget Amendment Presentation:** emailed to board members
    - 1. **Approval of the MCA 2021-2022 Budget Amendment**  
**Motion:** Jim Fisher motioned to approve the budget amendment  
**Support:** John Selmon seconded the motion  
**Ayes: 4      Nays: 0**
- d. **GVSU Update: (Matt Cawood):** School performance reports are not ready yet. Academic grant award has been awarded. Board virtual training will continue. There are two board terms expiring. A high school alumni scholarship will be granted to students of GVSU authorized schools. GVSU core values award will be coming, each board member can submit an application.
- e. **Legal Update: (Chris McGuigan)** Asaline reported no updates.
- G. **Correspondence**-None
- H. **Old Business**-None
- I. **Committee Reports:** John reported that student surveys about gun violence did not get responses with an email approach, so will be providing hard copies in the classrooms. No MCA students currently qualify for the Exit Program. Aludyne program was updated by Emmitt and Jim. Exploring possibility of adding Meijer's and Pace Industries to a work program for students.
- J. **New Business:** Jim motioned to combine items a, b, d, and e on the agenda.
- a. **Approval of the 2022-2023 MCA Application and Enrollment Resolution**
  - b. **Approval of the Fall 2021 Board Policy Updates:**
    - i. **Definitions (0100)**
    - ii. **Public Participation at Board Meetings (0167.3)**
    - iii. **Property Inventory (7450)**
    - iv. **Public Records (8310)**
    - v. **Student Records (8330)**
  - c. **Acceptance of the Academic Grant Award from GVSU to be used 100% for MCA**

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**d. Approval for the MCA board to use a Consent Agenda moving forward**

**Motion:** Jim Fisher motioned to approve

**Support:** John Selmon seconded the motion

**Ayes: 4 Nays: 0**

**e. Renomination of James Fisher and Donna Pennington to the MCA Board of Directors**

**Motion:** John Selmon motioned to approve the renominations

**Support:** Jim Fisher seconded the motion

**Ayes: 4 Nays: 0**

**f. Approval for the removal of Doreen Mangrum's nomination to the MCA board**

**Motion:** Jim Fisher motioned to approve

**Support:** John Selmon seconded the motion

**Ayes: 4 Nays: 0**

**K. Discussion - None**

**L. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None**

**M. Reminder of Next Board Meeting - Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 12:00 PM**

**N. Adjournment- Motion:** John motioned to adjourn the meeting.

**Support:** Donna seconded **Ayes: 4 Nays: 0** Adjourned at 1:09 P.M.

**MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary/Recording Secretary

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Date

Approved by the Muskegon Covenant Academy Board of Directors on April 19, 2022.

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Board Secretary

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Date

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