

Blended Learning Academies
1754 E Clark Rd.
Lansing MI 48906

Approved

~~Proposed~~ Regular Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2025
6:00 pm

Mission:

Blended Learning Academies supports the emotional and academic strengths of 9-12 grade students in an educational environment that encourages all students to meet or exceed their intellectual and personal potential.

Vision:

Blended Learning Academies will cultivate a supportive learning environment that exposes students, through innovative teaching and learning practices, to events, opportunities, and environments that will help them become successful and productive citizens in college, work, and life.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Melissa Leigh, Amy Hovey, Elizabeth Curry, Marcus Kirkpatrick, Darin Southworth,
Bill Jaconette (arrive 6:03)

Absent: Louis Shiavone

Others Present: Tim Brannan, David Stibich, Marcelle Monchanin, Susan Wakefield and Kate
Travis

II. Oath of Office

Elizabeth Curry sworn in to Office.

III. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only)

IV. Approval of Agenda

Darin Southworth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Melissa Leigh.
Unanimously carried by those present.

V. Staff Presentation

- a. ~~FSU Visit~~ Postponed until November-
- b. ~~Beaver Island Summer Professional Development~~ - Postponed until
November-

VI. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of proposed Regular and Organizational Minutes September 9,
2025

Amy Hovey moved to approve the organizational and regular minutes as presented.
Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

VII. Correspondence

a. FSU Board Communication

Susan Wakefield provided an overview of the FSU Board Communication.

The FSU/Blended Contract Performance Report will be available for the November 2025 Board Meeting.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Statements

Bill Jaconette moved to approve the Financial Statements. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

IX. New Business

a. Emergency Virtual Plan

Kate Travis provided an overview of the Emergency Virtual Learning Plan.

Amy Hovey moved to approve the plan as presented. Supported by Melissa Leigh. Unanimously carried by those present.

X. Old Business

None

XI. Business/Management Report

a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update

Marcelle Monchanin provided an update on the following:

- Staff Updates
- Professional Development
- Field Trips (2 in September – FSU and Capitol Stee; and Wire, 1 upcoming Holocaust)
- Clubs: Specifically our new clubs - Senior Success and Life Skills

b. Management Company Update

Kate Travis provided an update on:

- Count: Currently within the count period (4 weeks for absences and virtual student count process). 2025-26 Budget was based on 186. Student enrollment numbers have the potential for mid-180s. We are in the process of collecting the necessary documentation for absent students and virtual students.
- Lansing Building – Continue on our radar the building change of ownership and our lease agreement that ends June 30, 2029.
- Peckham donated back to school supplies to staff. Much appreciated. Thank you to Elizabeth Curry for facilitating and delivery.

XII. Ferris State University

Susan Wakefield provided an update on the 2025-26 Safety Check – Blended is compliant.

XIII. Extended Public Comment (non-agenda items only)*

XIV. Comments from the Board


XV. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: November 11, 2025

XVI. Adjournment

Darin Southworth moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm. Support by Melissa Leigh.
Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by:
Kate Travis

Date:
10/23/25

Approved by: 
Date: 11/11/25