

Blended Learning Academies
1754 E Clark Rd.
Lansing MI 48906

~~Proposed~~ Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026
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

Marcus Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Marcus Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Curry, Amy Hovey, Melissa Leigh and Darin Southworth

Absent: Bill Jaconette and Louis Schiavone

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

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

None

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of proposed Regular Minutes December 9, 2025

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

V. Correspondence

a. FSU Board Communication

Sue Wakefield provided an overview of the January FSU Board Communication and commended the Board on their dedication, leadership and stewardship of Blended Learning Academies

VI. Treasurer's Report

a. **Financial Statements**
David Stibich provided an overview of the Blended Academies Financial Statements. Darin Southworth moved to approve the statements as presented. Supported by Melissa Leigh. Unanimously carried by those present.

VII. New Business

a. **Special Education Contracted Hours**

Kate Travis provided an update on the contracted hours for Special Education with GSMO consulting. Currently the contracted hours are at 25 hours per week.

b. **Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus (MLAF+)**

Kate Travis and David Stibich provided an overview of the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus as an investment option for the Board. If the Board chooses to move forward a resolution would need to be passed at a future Board meeting.

VIII. Old Business

a. **31 aa Update**

Kate Travis provided an update on the 31aa Funding. Blended Academies opted out of accepting 31aa funds due to the requirement that Blended Academies waive legal privilege as a condition of receiving funding.

IX. Business/Management Report

a. **School Leader/Curriculum Director Update**

Marcelle Monchanin provided an update on the following:

- 5 new enrollments
- 1 Graduate
- Currently preparing for SEL Survey, Panorama and State Spring Testing.

b. **Management Company Update**

Graduation date, time and speaker has been set. June 12, 2026 – DeWitt Junior High Auditorium

X. Ferris State University

Reminder of Board Professional Development Credits

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

None

XII. Comments from the Board

Amy Hovey presented on two regular open meetings she attended in December.

State Land Bank Authority (SLBA) Board

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)

In each meeting the open meetings act are followed providing clear transparency to the public including agendas, meeting minutes and comments from the public.

Marcus Kirkpatrick presented on the regular Board meeting of the Eaton Material Management. The last meeting was held on December 9, 2025 with topics around recycling. Marcus participated as a committee member.

XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2026

XIV. Adjournment

Darin Southworth moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm. Supported by Amy Hovey. Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by: Kate Travis

Date: 1/22/2026

Approved by:

Date:

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1/22/2026