

Blended Learning Academies  
1754 E Clark Rd.  
Lansing MI 48906

*Approved*

~~Proposed~~ Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 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 6:00 pm.

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

Absent: Bill Jaconette

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

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

None

**III. Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV. Consent Calendar**

a. Approval of proposed Regular Minutes February 10, 2026

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

**V. Correspondence**

a. FSU Board Communication

Sue Wakefield provided an overview of the FSU Monthly Board communication including transparency and board credits.

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

a. Financial Statements

David Stibich provided an update on the monthly financial statements.

b. Budget Revision I

Elizabeth Curry moved to approve the 2025-26 Budget Revision I as presented. Supported by Melissa Leigh. Unanimously carried by those present.

**VII. New Business**

a. GSMO Consulting Contract – Special Education Services

Kate Travis provided an overview of the potential consulting hours through the 2025-26 school year. Noted the State threshold and the estimated total hours and costs to date.

Amy Hovey moved to approve consulting services at \$75 per hour and a maximum of 25 hours per week. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

b. 2026-27 School Calendar

Kate Travis provided an overview the proposed 2026-27 school calendar.

Melissa Leigh moved to approve the 2026-27 School Calendar as presented. Unanimously carried by those present.

**VIII. Old Business**

a. Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus (MLAF+)

Raelynn provided additional information on MILAF+ including her positive experience in working with the organization and the recommendation of MSBO and Ingham ISD.

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

**IX. Business/Management Report**

a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update

Marcelle Monchanin provided an update on the following:

- Silent Reading/Pancake Breakfast
- Tax Day Presenter
- Ferris State Presenter
- Gunnisonville Meadows Volunteering
- Michigan Reading Conference – 2 staff attended
- Mental Health First Aid and additional PD
- Teacher Goals and Evaluations
- Panorama goal 95%, actual 60%.

b. Management Company Update

Kate Travis provided an update on the following:

- Spring Count Potential/Notes – Potential of 181 – with absences and virtual 4 week TWI will likely be less FTE count.
- Budgeting for 2026-27 – have begun working on the 2026-27 budget
- Operation in Livonia – Kate working with Marcelle, FSU and Livonia staff to discuss potential operational adjustments for 2026-27 school year.
- SRO Grant - Grant funds will be exhausted prior to the end of the 2025-26 school year. Kate will send notice to terminate MOU -30 day notice.

**X. Ferris State University**

None

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

None

**XII. Comments from the Board**

Board member PD credit report out by Darin Southworth.

- Ingham County Board of Commissioners  
Often meets twice a week, up to six times per month. Answer questions and report out to the administrative body, as they provide oversight of county services.
- Tri County Crisis Intervention  
Darin Southworth serves as a Chair. The mission is to improve public safety and response to behavioral health crisis using deescalation practices.

**XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: April 14, 2026**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Darin Southworth moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm. Supported by Amy Hovey.  
Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by: Kate Travis

Date: 3/18/2026

Approved by:

Date:



3/13/26