Blended Learning Academies
1754 E Clark Rd.
Lansing MI 48906

Approved

~~Proposed~~ Special Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026
4:30 pm

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

None

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3. Family questioning of administration
4. Transition to student/family case
5. Student/family presentation and witnesses
6. Board questioning of student/family
9. Board deliberation

Amy Hovey moved the board go into closed session at 4:40pm to consider student discipline. Supported by Melissa Leigh. Unanimously carried by those present. Roll call vote: Marcus Kirkpatrick, Darin Southworht, Melissa Leigh, Amy Hovey and Elizabeth Curry.

Closed Session.

Melissa Leigh moved to end the closed session at 5:15pm. Supported by Elizabeth Curry. Unanimously carried by those present.

Darin Southworth moved to expel student 8221279464. Supported by Elizabeth Curry. Motion carried.
Roll call vote:
Yes: Darin Southworht, Elizabeth Curry, Marcus Kirkpatrick
No: Melissa Leigh, Amy Hovey

V. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of proposed Regular Minutes March 10, 2026

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

VI. **Correspondence**

a. FSU Board Communication

Sue Wakefield provided an overview of the FSU Board Communication.
The Blended Board will look to fill the vacant board seat.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer report will be presented at the May 12, 2026 meeting.

VIII. **New Business**

a. 2026-27 Board Calendar

Amy Hovey moved to approve the 2026-27 Board Calendar. The second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm excluding July. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

IX. Business/Management Report

a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update
- 18 graduates to date
- Good progress on statewide testing
- Wilson Talent Center

- FSU Day at the Building – Dual enrollment presentation
- Upcoming Mock Interviews
- FIRST Robotics – Spirit Award – FSU Event

b. Management Company Update

Kate Travis provided an update on the following:

- Technology refresh – REMC pricing – potential Capitol Projects
- Thank you to FSU for attending the FIRST Robotics event.
- Kate Travis and Raelynn Johns will have an update on Board financials and updates to the 2025-26 Revision II at the upcoming board meeting(s)

X. Ferris State University

Chris Loiselle thanked the Board for their work. Reminder that FSU is available for support when needed.

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

XII. Comments from the Board

XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: May 12, 2026

XIV. Adjournment

Amy Hovey moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:38pm. Supported by Melissa Leigh. Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by: Kate Travis
Date: 4/21/26

Approved by:
Date:

6/9/26