

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Held on Friday, December 16, 2022
The David L. Eisler Center, Room 202c
Big Rapids, Michigan

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Regular Meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees was held on Friday, December 16, 2022 in room 202c of the David L. Eisler Center, 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, Michigan. Chair Anna P. Seibold called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. In addition to Chair Seibold, the following individuals were present: Trustees George K. Heartwell, Kurt A Hofman; Ana L. Ramirez-Saenz, Ronald E. Snead, Rupesh K. Srivastava and LaShanda R. Thomas; University President Bill Pink; Provost and Vice President Bobby Fleischman; University Vice Presidents David Pilgrim and Jeanine Ward-Roof; President of Kendall College of Art and Design Tara E. McCrackin; Board Counsel Frederic N. Goldberg; Secretary to the Board of Trustees Karen K. Huisman; and members of the University and area communities.

2. Hearing of the Public

No one responded to Chair Seibold's invitation to address the Board.

3. Administrative Reports

The following Administrative Reports were presented. Copies of written reports are located in the official file for this meeting:

- a. Student Government – President MaeLynn Huhn provided an oral update on the activities of the Ferris Student Government.
- b. Academic Senate - Sandy Alspach, Academic Senate President, provided an oral report to the Board. A copy of her comments is in the official file for this meeting.
- c. Finance – Vice President Bachmeier provided an oral report on University finances.

4a. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez-Saenz, supported by Trustee Snead, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

“RESOLVED, that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the items contained in the Consent Calendar as presented in the appended documentation:

- a. *Consent Calendar*
 1. *Minutes of October 7 and November 2, 2022*
 2. *Personnel Items*
 3. *Appointments to the Boards of Directors of FSU-Authorized Charter School Academies*
 4. *Liquor License for the David L. Eisler Center”*

4b. Contract Amendment: Lighthouse Academy – Additional Campus

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez-Saenz, supported by Trustee Hofman, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the Ferris State University Board of Trustees (the “University Board”) granted conditional approval to a Resolution (the “Initial Resolution”) dated March 21, 2008 for Lighthouse Academy (the “Academy”), which conditionally authorized the execution of a contract with the Academy to charter an academy (“Original Charter Contract”) and conditionally authorized the Chairperson of the University Board to execute the Original Charter Contract between the Academy and the University Board; and,

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2013 the University Board reauthorized the Academy for five years through June 30, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2018 the University Board reauthorized the Academy for seven years through June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the Academy serves as a Strict Discipline Academy that provides educational services for incarcerated, adjudicated or suspended at-risk teens; and,

WHEREAS, the Academy currently has 310 students in grades 5-12 at seven campuses located in West Michigan which are Eagle Village, Juvenile Justice Institute, Lighthouse Academy South, Muskegon County Juvenile Transition Center, Ottawa County Juvenile Detention Center, The Pier, and Waalkes School; and,

WHEREAS, the Academy seeks to partner with the Ottawa County Services located at 12330 James Street, Holland, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, the Academy Board of Directors requested the University Board to consider and approve a contract amendment to add a Lighthouse Academy campus at 12330 James Street, Holland, Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board hereby approves the addition of a Lighthouse Academy campus to be located at 12330 James Street, Holland, Michigan, as of August 1, 2023.”

4c. Charter School Reauthorizations

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez-Saenz, supported by Trustee Srivastava, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following (3) Resolutions, as submitted on this date:

4c.1. Battle Creek Montessori Academy

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the Ferris State University Board of Trustees (the “University Board”) granted conditional approval to a Resolution (the “Initial Resolution”) dated November 2, 2012, for Battle Creek Montessori Academy (the “Academy”), which conditionally authorized the execution of a contract with the Academy to charter an academy (“Original Charter Contract”) and conditionally authorized the Chairperson of the University Board to execute the Original Charter Contract between the Academy and the University Board; and,

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2017 the University Board granted a three-year contract extension through June 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2020 the University Board granted a two-year contract extension through June 30, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Academy currently has 177 students in grades PreK-8; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020-2021 the ethnicity breakdown of the student population was 54% White (non-Hispanic), 24% Black (non-Hispanic), and 23% Other with 13% receiving special education, less than 10 categorized as English language learners and 76% receiving free and reduced lunch rate; and,

WHEREAS, the University Board desires to reauthorize the Academy pursuant to the terms of a new contract to charter an academy (“New Charter Contract”) in substantially the form provided to the University Board in connection with its consideration of this reauthorization resolution (the “Reauthorization Resolution”) for five years through June 30, 2028; and,

WHEREAS, the University Board intends that the New Charter Contract shall supersede and replace the Original Charter Contract in all respects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The application for the reauthorization of Battle Creek Montessori Academy (the “Academy”) submitted to the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office (“FSU CSO”) for a term ending on June 30, 2028, is approved contingent upon the Academy Board approving the New Charter Contract (including without limitation the Terms and Conditions and all of the Schedules incorporated therein) and its execution, delivery and filing of the same in the name of and on behalf of the Academy.*

The University Board establishes the method of selection, length of term, number of members, qualification of members, the procedure for removal of members, and other matters pertaining to the Academy’s Board of Directors, as follows:

a. Method of Selection. The University Board shall prescribe the methods of appointment for members of the Academy Board. Ferris State University's Director of Charter Schools ("CSO Director") is authorized to administer the University Board's academy board selection and appointment process (including a Public School Academy Board Member Questionnaire or School of Excellence Board Member Questionnaire or Strict Discipline Academy Board Member Questionnaire, as applicable, and required background checks), as provided below:

1. The University Board shall appoint initial and subsequent members of the Academy Board of Directors by formal resolution, except as prescribed by subparagraph (4) of this subparagraph (a). The CSO Director shall recommend nominees to the University Board based upon a review of the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire, required background checks and each nominee's resume. Each nominee shall be available for interview by the University Board or the CSO Director. The University Board may reject any or all Academy Board nominees.
2. The Academy Board shall be provided an opportunity to nominate its subsequent members, by resolution and majority vote, except as provided herein. The Academy Board shall recommend at least one nominee for each vacancy. The Academy Board's nominees shall submit the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire for review by the FSU CSO. If the University Board elects not to appoint any of the Academy Board's nominees for a vacant position on the Academy Board or elects to make its own nomination(s), it may nominate and appoint an Academy Board member of its own choosing for that vacant position, or it may request additional nominees from the Academy Board.
3. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of the term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of that vacant position.
4. Under exigent conditions, and with the approval of the University Board's Chair, the CSO Director may appoint a qualified individual to the Academy Board. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled formal session. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any appointments made under the exigent conditions provision.

b. Length of Term. Each member of the Academy Board shall serve at the pleasure of the University Board. The initial terms of the members of the Academy Board shall be staggered in a manner determined by the CSO Director, but no individual member's term shall exceed a period of four (4) years. The subsequent term of each member of the Academy Board shall be for a period of four (4) years. The terms for each position shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of the pertinent year.

c. Number of Directors. The number of board member positions on the Academy's Board of Directors shall be seven (7). The number of board member positions shall never be fewer than five (5) nor more than seven (7), as determined from time to time by the University Board. If the Academy Board fails to attain or maintain its full membership by making appropriate and timely nominations, the University Board or the CSO Director, may deem that failure an exigent condition.

A vacancy may be left on the initial Academy Board for a parent or guardian representative to allow sufficient time for the Academy Board to interview and identify potential nominees.

d. Qualifications of Members. To be qualified to serve on the Academy Board, a person shall, among other things: (1) be a citizen of the United States; (2) be a resident of the State of Michigan; (3) submit all materials requested by the FSU CSO including, but not limited to, the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire which must include authorization to process a criminal background check of the nominee; and (d) submit annually a conflicts of interest disclosure as prescribed by the FSU CSO.

The Academy Board shall include as a member (1) at least one parent or guardian of a child attending the Academy; and (2) one professional educator, preferably a person with school administrative experience. The Academy Board shall include representation from the local community in which the Academy serves.

The members of the Academy Board shall not include (1) any member appointed or controlled by another profit or non-profit corporation; (2) Academy employees or independent contractors performing services for the Academy; (3) any current or former director, officer, or employee of an educational management company that contracts with the Academy; and (4) Ferris State University officials or employees.

e. Oath. Before beginning his/her service, each member of the Academy Board shall take and sign the constitutional oath of office before a justice, judge, or clerk of a court, or before a notary public. The Academy shall cause a copy of such oath of office to be filed with the CSO. No appointment shall be effective prior to the taking, signing and filing of the oath of public office.

f. Removal of Members. The University Board may remove an Academy Board member with or without cause at any time by notifying the affected Academy Board member. The notice shall specify the date when the Academy Board member's service ends. Any Academy Board member may also be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy Board for cause.

With the approval of the University Board Chair, the CSO Director may suspend an Academy Board member's service, if in his/her judgment the member's continued presence would constitute a risk to persons or property or would seriously impair the operations of the Academy. Any suspension made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any suspension made under this provision.

g. Tenure. Each member of the Academy Board shall hold office until such member's replacement, death, resignation, removal or until the expiration of the term, whichever occurs first.

h. Resignation. Any member of the Academy Board may resign at any time by providing written notice to the Academy or the FSU CSO. Notice of resignation will be effective upon receipt or at a subsequent time designated in the notice. Any Academy board member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Academy board meetings may, at the option of the Academy Board, the University Board, or the CSO Director, be deemed to have resigned, effective at a time designated in a written notice sent to the resigning Academy board member. A successor shall be appointed as provided by the method of selection adopted by the University Board.

i. Board Vacancies. An Academy Board vacancy shall occur because of death, resignation, removal, failure to maintain United States citizenship or residency in the State of Michigan, disqualification, enlargement of the Academy Board, or as specified in the Code.

j. Compensation. An Academy Board member shall serve as a volunteer director and without compensation for his/her services. By resolution of the Academy Board, the Academy Board members may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incidental to their duties as an Academy Board member.

k. Current Members of the Board of Directors. The University Board re-confirms the appointments of the following persons to their existing terms set forth below as members of the Academy's Board of Directors:

*Keona Ackley
246 20th Street South
Battle Creek, MI 49015
Term Expiration: June 30, 2025*

*Elizabeth Turner
7995 G Drive N
Battle Creek, MI 49014
Term Expiration: June 30, 2024*

*Kristin Blood
136 Bedford Road N
Battle Creek, MI 49037
Term Expiration: June 30, 2023*

*David Worthams
4356 Sweet Cherry Lane
Kalamazoo, MI 49004
Term Expiration: June 30, 2026*

education, 30% categorized as English language learners and 61% receiving free and reduced lunch rate; and

WHEREAS, the University Board desires to reauthorize the Academy pursuant to the terms of a new contract to charter an academy (“New Charter Contract”) in substantially the form provided to the University Board in connection with its consideration of this reauthorization resolution (the “Reauthorization Resolution”) for seven years through June 30, 2030; and,

WHEREAS, the University Board intends that the New Charter Contract shall supersede and replace the Original Charter Contract in all respects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 3. The application for the reauthorization of Huron Academy (the “Academy”) submitted to the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office (“FSU CSO”) for a term ending on June 30, 2030, is approved contingent upon the Academy Board approving the New Charter Contract (including without limitation the Terms and Conditions and all of the Schedules incorporated therein) and its execution, delivery and filing of the same in the name of and on behalf of the Academy.*

The University Board establishes the method of selection, length of term, number of members, qualification of members, the procedure for removal of members, and other matters pertaining to the Academy’s Board of Directors, as follows:

a. Method of Selection. The University Board shall prescribe the methods of appointment for members of the Academy Board. Ferris State University’s Director of Charter Schools (“CSO Director”) is authorized to administer the University Board’s academy board selection and appointment process (including a Public School Academy Board Member Questionnaire or School of Excellence Board Member Questionnaire or Strict Discipline Academy Board Member Questionnaire, as applicable, and required background checks), as provided below:

- 1. The University Board shall appoint initial and subsequent members of the Academy Board of Directors by formal resolution, except as prescribed by subparagraph (4) of this subparagraph (a). The CSO Director shall recommend nominees to the University Board based upon a review of the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire, required background checks and each nominee’s resume. Each nominee shall be available for interview by the University Board or the CSO Director. The University Board may reject any or all Academy Board nominees.*
- 2. The Academy Board shall be provided an opportunity to nominate its subsequent members, by resolution and majority vote, except as provided herein. The Academy Board shall recommend at least one nominee for each vacancy. The Academy Board’s nominees shall submit the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire for review by the FSU CSO. If the University Board elects not to*

appoint any of the Academy Board's nominees for a vacant position on the Academy Board or elects to make its own nomination(s), it may nominate and appoint an Academy Board member of its own choosing for that vacant position, or it may request additional nominees from the Academy Board.

- 3. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of the term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of that vacant position.*
- 4. Under exigent conditions, and with the approval of the University Board's Chair, the CSO Director may appoint a qualified individual to the Academy Board. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled formal session. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any appointments made under the exigent conditions provision.*

b. Length of Term. Each member of the Academy Board shall serve at the pleasure of the University Board. The initial terms of the members of the Academy Board shall be staggered in a manner determined by the CSO Director, but no individual member's term shall exceed a period of four (4) years. The subsequent term of each member of the Academy Board shall be for a period of four (4) years. The terms for each position shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of the pertinent year.

c. Number of Directors. The number of board member positions on the Academy's Board of Directors shall be seven (7). The number of board member positions shall never be fewer than five (5) nor more than seven (7), as determined from time to time by the University Board. If the Academy Board fails to attain or maintain its full membership by making appropriate and timely nominations, the University Board or the CSO Director, may deem that failure an exigent condition.

A vacancy may be left on the initial Academy Board for a parent or guardian representative to allow sufficient time for the Academy Board to interview and identify potential nominees.

d. Qualifications of Members. To be qualified to serve on the Academy Board, a person shall, among other things: (1) be a citizen of the United States; (2) be a resident of the State of Michigan; (3) submit all materials requested by the FSU CSO including, but not limited to, the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire which must include authorization to process a criminal background check of the nominee; and (d) submit annually a conflicts of interest disclosure as prescribed by the FSU CSO.

The Academy Board shall include as a member (1) at least one parent or guardian of a child attending the Academy; and (2) one professional educator, preferably a person with school administrative experience. The Academy Board shall include representation from the local community in which the Academy serves.

The members of the Academy Board shall not include (1) any member appointed or controlled by another profit or non-profit corporation; (2) Academy employees or independent contractors performing services for the Academy; (3) any current or former director, officer, or employee of an educational management company that contracts with the Academy; and (4) Ferris State University officials or employees.

e. Oath. Before beginning his/her service, each member of the Academy Board shall take and sign the constitutional oath of office before a justice, judge, or clerk of a court, or before a notary public. The Academy shall cause a copy of such oath of office to be filed with the CSO. No appointment shall be effective prior to the taking, signing and filing of the oath of public office.

f. Removal of Members. The University Board may remove an Academy Board member with or without cause at any time by notifying the affected Academy Board member. The notice shall specify the date when the Academy Board member's service ends. Any Academy Board member may also be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy Board for cause.

With the approval of the University Board Chair, the CSO Director may suspend an Academy Board member's service, if in his/her judgment the member's continued presence would constitute a risk to persons or property or would seriously impair the operations of the Academy. Any suspension made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any suspension made under this provision.

g. Tenure. Each member of the Academy Board shall hold office until such member's replacement, death, resignation, removal or until the expiration of the term, whichever occurs first.

h. Resignation. Any member of the Academy Board may resign at any time by providing written notice to the Academy or the FSU CSO. Notice of resignation will be effective upon receipt or at a subsequent time designated in the notice. Any Academy board member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Academy board meetings may, at the option of the Academy Board, the University Board, or the CSO Director, be deemed to have resigned, effective at a time designated in a written notice sent to the resigning Academy board member. A successor shall be appointed as provided by the method of selection adopted by the University Board.

i. Board Vacancies. An Academy Board vacancy shall occur because of death, resignation, removal, failure to maintain United States citizenship or residency in the State of Michigan, disqualification, enlargement of the Academy Board, or as specified in the Code.

j. Compensation. An Academy Board member shall serve as a volunteer director and without compensation for his/her services. By resolution of the Academy Board, the Academy Board members may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incidental to their duties as an Academy Board member.

k. Current Members of the Board of Directors. The University Board re-confirms the appointments of the following persons to their existing terms set forth below as members of the Academy's Board of Directors:

*Katherine Colombo
38051 Opatik Court
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
Term Expiration: June 30, 2026*

*Jeffrey Parlow
21781 Emanuel Drive
Macomb, MI 48044
Term Expiration: June 30, 2024*

*Colleen Dickey
28470 Norwood SE
Warren, MI 48092
Term Expiration: June 30, 2026*

*James Perna
38180 Saddle Lane
Clinton Township, MI 48036
Term Expiration: June 30, 2025*

*Jeffrey Duchene
19199 15 Mile Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035
Term Expiration: June 30, 2024*

*Ramzi Twal
34698 Amsterdam Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
Term Expiration: June 30, 2025*

*Suzan Karadsheh
49090 Driftwood Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48317
Term Expiration: June 30, 2023*

4. The University Board hereby approves the New Charter Contract in substantially the form provided to the University Board in connection with its consideration of this Reauthorization Resolution, and upon being presented with the counterpart of the same that has been fully executed by a duly authorized representative of the Academy Board in its name and on its behalf, the President of the University, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the same in the name of and on behalf of the University Board, and the New Charter Contract shall thereupon take immediate effect and supersede and replace the Original Charter Contract in all respects."

4c.3. Muskegon Montessori Academy for Environmental Change

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the Ferris State University Board of Trustees (the “University Board”) granted conditional approval to a Resolution (the “Initial Resolution”) dated February 22, 2013, for Muskegon Montessori Academy for Environmental Change (the “Academy”), which conditionally authorized the execution of a contract with the Academy to charter an academy (“Original Charter Contract”) and conditionally authorized the Chairperson of the University Board to execute the Original Charter Contract between the Academy and the University Board; and,

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2018 the University Board granted a five-year reauthorization extension through June 30, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Academy currently has 164 students in grades PreK-8; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020-2021 the ethnicity breakdown of the student population was 51% White (non-Hispanic), 20% Black (non-Hispanic), and 12% Other with 10% receiving special education, under 10% categorized as English language learners and 79% receiving free and reduced lunch rate; and

WHEREAS, the University Board desires to reauthorize the Academy pursuant to the terms of a new contract to charter an academy (“New Charter Contract”) in substantially the form provided to the University Board in connection with its consideration of this reauthorization resolution (the “Reauthorization Resolution”) for seven years through June 30, 2030; and,

WHEREAS, the University Board intends that the New Charter Contract shall supersede and replace the Original Charter Contract in all respects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

5. *The application for the reauthorization of Muskegon Montessori Academy for Environmental Change (the “Academy”) submitted to the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office (“FSU CSO”) for a term ending on June 30, 2030, is approved contingent upon the Academy Board approving the New Charter Contract (including without limitation the Terms and Conditions and all of the Schedules incorporated therein) and its execution, delivery and filing of the same in the name of and on behalf of the Academy.*

The University Board establishes the method of selection, length of term, number of members, qualification of members, the procedure for removal of members, and other matters pertaining to the Academy’s Board of Directors, as follows:

- a. *Method of Selection. The University Board shall prescribe the methods of appointment for members of the Academy Board. Ferris State University’s Director of Charter Schools (“CSO Director”) is authorized to administer the University Board’s academy board selection*

and appointment process (including a Public School Academy Board Member Questionnaire or School of Excellence Board Member Questionnaire or Strict Discipline Academy Board Member Questionnaire, as applicable, and required background checks), as provided below:

- 1. The University Board shall appoint initial and subsequent members of the Academy Board of Directors by formal resolution, except as prescribed by subparagraph (4) of this subparagraph (a). The CSO Director shall recommend nominees to the University Board based upon a review of the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire, required background checks and each nominee's resume. Each nominee shall be available for interview by the University Board or the CSO Director. The University Board may reject any or all Academy Board nominees.*

 - 2. The Academy Board shall be provided an opportunity to nominate its subsequent members, by resolution and majority vote, except as provided herein. The Academy Board shall recommend at least one nominee for each vacancy. The Academy Board's nominees shall submit the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire for review by the FSU CSO. If the University Board elects not to appoint any of the Academy Board's nominees for a vacant position on the Academy Board or elects to make its own nomination(s), it may nominate and appoint an Academy Board member of its own choosing for that vacant position, or it may request additional nominees from the Academy Board.*

 - 3. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of the term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of that vacant position.*

 - 4. Under exigent conditions, and with the approval of the University Board's Chair, the CSO Director may appoint a qualified individual to the Academy Board. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled formal session. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any appointments made under the exigent conditions provision.*
- b. Length of Term. Each member of the Academy Board shall serve at the pleasure of the University Board. The initial terms of the members of the Academy Board shall be staggered in a manner determined by the CSO Director, but no individual member's term shall exceed a period of four (4) years. The subsequent term of each member of the Academy Board shall be for a period of four (4) years. The terms for each position shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of the pertinent year.*

c. Number of Directors. The number of board member positions on the Academy's Board of Directors shall be seven (7). The number of board member positions shall never be fewer than five (5) nor more than seven (7), as determined from time to time by the University Board. If the Academy Board fails to attain or maintain its full membership by making appropriate and timely nominations, the University Board or the CSO Director, may deem that failure an exigent condition.

A vacancy may be left on the initial Academy Board for a parent or guardian representative to allow sufficient time for the Academy Board to interview and identify potential nominees.

d. Qualifications of Members. To be qualified to serve on the Academy Board, a person shall, among other things: (1) be a citizen of the United States; (2) be a resident of the State of Michigan; (3) submit all materials requested by the FSU CSO including, but not limited to, the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire which must include authorization to process a criminal background check of the nominee; and (d) submit annually a conflicts of interest disclosure as prescribed by the FSU CSO.

The Academy Board shall include as a member (1) at least one parent or guardian of a child attending the Academy; and (2) one professional educator, preferably a person with school administrative experience. The Academy Board shall include representation from the local community in which the Academy serves.

The members of the Academy Board shall not include (1) any member appointed or controlled by another profit or non-profit corporation; (2) Academy employees or independent contractors performing services for the Academy; (3) any current or former director, officer, or employee of an educational management company that contracts with the Academy; and (4) Ferris State University officials or employees.

e. Oath. Before beginning his/her service, each member of the Academy Board shall take and sign the constitutional oath of office before a justice, judge, or clerk of a court, or before a notary public. The Academy shall cause a copy of such oath of office to be filed with the CSO. No appointment shall be effective prior to the taking, signing and filing of the oath of public office.

f. Removal of Members. The University Board may remove an Academy Board member with or without cause at any time by notifying the affected Academy Board member. The notice shall specify the date when the Academy Board member's service ends. Any Academy Board member may also be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy Board for cause.

With the approval of the University Board Chair, the CSO Director may suspend an Academy Board member's service, if in his/her judgment the member's continued presence would constitute a risk to persons or property or would seriously impair the operations of the Academy. Any suspension made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any suspension made under this provision.

g. Tenure. Each member of the Academy Board shall hold office until such member's replacement, death, resignation, removal or until the expiration of the term, whichever occurs first.

h. Resignation. Any member of the Academy Board may resign at any time by providing written notice to the Academy or the FSU CSO. Notice of resignation will be effective upon receipt or at a subsequent time designated in the notice. Any Academy board member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Academy board meetings may, at the option of the Academy Board, the University Board, or the CSO Director, be deemed to have resigned, effective at a time designated in a written notice sent to the resigning Academy board member. A successor shall be appointed as provided by the method of selection adopted by the University Board.

i. Board Vacancies. An Academy Board vacancy shall occur because of death, resignation, removal, failure to maintain United States citizenship or residency in the State of Michigan, disqualification, enlargement of the Academy Board, or as specified in the Code.

j. Compensation. An Academy Board member shall serve as a volunteer director and without compensation for his/her services. By resolution of the Academy Board, the Academy Board members may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incidental to their duties as an Academy Board member.

k. Current Members of the Board of Directors. The University Board re-confirms the appointments of the following persons to their existing terms set forth below as members of the Academy's Board of Directors:

*Michelle Eisenbarth
4475 Deer Creek
Muskegon, MI 49441
Term Expiration: June 30, 2025*

*John Taylor
187 Hamilton Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49440
Term Expiration: June 30, 2026*

*Judith Kell
2061 Belmont Drive
Muskegon, MI 49441
Term Expiration: June 30, 2023*

*Lenore Wieschowski
850 Wood Street
Muskegon, MI 49442
Term Expiration: June 30, 2023*

Jack Kennedy

Vacant

2466 E. Riverwood Drive

Twin Lake, MI 49457

Term Expiration: June 30, 2026 Term Expiration: June 30, 2024

Janda VanDyke

462 W. Webster Avenue

Muskegon, MI 49440

Term Expiration: June 30, 2024

6. *The University Board hereby approves the New Charter Contract in substantially the form provided to the University Board in connection with its consideration of this Reauthorization Resolution, and upon being presented with the counterpart of the same that has been fully executed by a duly authorized representative of the Academy Board in its name and on its behalf, the President of the University, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the same in the name of and on behalf of the University Board, and the New Charter Contract shall thereupon take immediate effect and supersede and replace the Original Charter Contract in all respects.*”

4d. Degree Changes at Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez-Saenz, supported by Trustee Snead, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University currently offers Bachelor of Fine Arts Degrees in Drawing; Printmaking’ Sculpture and Functional Art; and Painting; and,

WHEREAS, over the last several years, these programs have been working collaboratively to design an integrated and innovative program that will strengthen KCAD’s fine arts curriculum and make intermedia methods of learning and working possible; and,

WHEREAS, this will provide a long-term strategy that effectively utilizes faculty skills and creates a more well-rounded learning experience, in addition to developing new pathways toward a degree for students; and,

WHEREAS, by combining these programs under Studio Art (thus eliminating the current individual degree programs), students will be prepared for careers in the arts through critical shared studio learning experiences that have been developed in response to student and industry demand; and,

WHEREAS, students will build solid fundamental studio art skills, working two- and three-dimensionally, including time-based media in the first two years of the curriculum; and,

WHEREAS, students choosing to pursue the Associate of Fine Arts in Studio Art may benefit from additional funding opportunities available for students in two-year programs; and

WHEREAS, after completing introductory studies, students choosing to pursue the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art will take courses in a focus area, exploring that area in more depth or creating a blended degree that synthesizes media choices; and

WHEREAS, this curriculum allows for a self-directed exploratory program of study. Art History, Art Theory, Professional Practices, and General Education courses are integrated throughout the program plans to fully support a comprehensive and meaningful education; and

WHEREAS, the Associate of Fine Arts in Studio Art and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art degree programs and curriculum have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the KCAD College Senate, the KCAD Dean of Academic Affairs, the KCAD President and the Ferris State University President; and,

WHEREAS, the University will file the appropriate documents with the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and to the President’s Council of the State Universities of Michigan, initiating the process of accrediting the new degree, contingent upon Board of Trustees approval; and,

WHEREAS, it is the University’s intent to begin enrolling students in the Studio Art degree programs beginning with Fall Semester 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees’ approval is required to establish this new degree program, pursuant to Board-approved Academic Affairs – Programming Responsibilities policy, Section 3-201(1).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the establishment of the Associate of Fine Arts in Studio Art and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art degree programs at Kendall College of Art and Design, as presented on this date, for implementation as of Fall Semester 2023.”

4e. Professional Services Contract for External Auditing

It was moved by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Heartwell, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the previous agreements for external audit services provided to the University either have or will soon expire; and,

WHEREAS, the University issued a request for proposal in the fall of 2022 for external audit services; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees approval is required for these professional services pursuant to Board-Approved Purchasing policy, section 4-207, with regard to contracts with independent auditors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vice President of Administration and Finance or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for external audit services with Plante Moran for fiscal year 2022-23 in an amount of \$119,700 plus other services as needed pursuant to their proposal.”

4f. Slate of Candidates for the Ferris Foundation Board of Directors

It was moved by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Heartwell, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, Section 4.04 of the “Restated Bylaws of The Ferris Foundation” (hereinafter “Restated Bylaws”) provides that there will be a minimum of 13 and a maximum of 40 directors of The Ferris Foundation (hereinafter “Foundation”) Board of Directors (hereinafter “Directors”); and,

WHEREAS, the maximum allowable number of Directors has not yet been attained, allowing for the election of additional Directors pursuant to Section 4.05 of the Restated Bylaws; and,

WHEREAS, The Ferris Foundation Board has approved the slate of names for addition to the Board of Directors, consisting of one individual: Mr. Michael J. VanDiepenbos of Cascade, MI.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the approved slate is hereby accepted by Ferris State University’s Board of Trustees.”

4g. Naming of the Alta Equipment Company Lecture Hall in the Ferris State University
College of Engineering Technology

It was moved by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Srivastava, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, Alta is a leading provider of industrial forklifts, heavy construction equipment, and warehouse solutions in the Midwest where they sell, service, and rent a broad range of equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the Ferris State University Heavy Equipment program has the only Bachelor of Science degree in the United States and has one of the largest and best-equipped teaching facilities in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Alta's market and need for workforce development is a fit for the Ferris State University College of Engineering Technology's Heavy Equipment program's strategic vision and plan to expand enrollment; and,

WHEREAS, Alta has agreed to provide a gift of \$250,000 fulfilled over seven years and an exclusive sponsorship of \$8,500 per year for three years, with a total commitment of \$275,500 in support of the Ferris State University College of Engineering Technology Heavy Equipment program; and,

WHEREAS, it is President Bill Pink's recommendation that a lecture hall in the Ferris State University College of Engineering Technology be named the "Alta Equipment Company Lecture Hall" in recognition of Alta's generosity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Board-Approved FSU Code of Rules, Bylaws and Policies, Subpart Part 4-11, Naming of Buildings, Rooms and Areas, Sec. 4-1102, State-Funding Buildings, the Board of Trustees approves the recommendation of President Bill Pink and hereby names a lecture hall in the Ferris State University College of Engineering Technology the "Alta Equipment Company Lecture Hall," effective immediately."

5. President's Report

President Pink's report included the following:

- Thanks to Amna for her service as Chair.
- Thanks to everyone for all the well-wishes.
- Thanks to wife Lori for everything.
- Thanks to President Huhn for her work in leading the Student Government.
- Thanks to Dr. Alspach for her report and leadership on the Academic Senate.
- The University is looking for a Vice President for Governmental Affairs. Position to be posted in January.
- Dr. Kathy Mullins will be starting as Vice President for University Advancement and Marketing in January.
- Football!! Many people are en route to the big game tomorrow. Everyone viewed a video of Governor Whitmer cheering on our Bulldog Football Team.

6. Hearing of the Public

No one responded to Chair Seibold's second invitation to address the Board.

7. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Srivastava expressed his thanks to Karen Huisman for everything and for all the support from Trustees and everyone at Ferris.

Trustee Ramirez-Saenz noted it has been an honor and a privilege to be on the Board at Ferris and serving with such an amazing group of talented people around the room. She expressed her appreciation of the faculty and the wonderful things they are doing. She expressed her appreciation for the service of Karen Huisman for the Board of Trustees.

Chair Seibold expressed her appreciation for their service on the Board, and to Fred Goldberg, Board Counsel, for his service on the Board, as he is retiring. Chair Seibold indicated she is most proud of the work she and the Board have done in hiring the best president that they could to run the university.

8. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled full Board meeting will be held on Friday, February 17, 2023, in Big Rapids.

9. Adjournment

At 4:52 p.m. Chair Seibold adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by: Karen K. Huisman, RP
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved by the Board of Trustees on February 17, 2023.