

Hope Academy of West Michigan Board of Directors

Approved Organizational Meeting Minutes

Mission: *Hope Academy of West Michigan is a safe environment for students and families, where students can reach their full potential academically and as individuals.*

Date: July 28, 2025

Time: 7:00 AM

Place: Hope Academy of West Michigan
240 Brown St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

I. Call to Order and Roll Call. *Barth Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.*

- A. **Board Members Present:** *Barth Roberts, Dr. Bernard Ayoola and Mark Brouwer, Michelle Eddie, Todd Medendorp*
- B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice):** *None.*
- C. **Others Present:** *Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart; Assistant School Principal, Dr. Michele Sideman, FSU Field Representative; Tracy Clawson, Recording Secretary; and Dr. Nygil Likely, new Board candidate*

II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only): *None*

III. Approval of Agenda. *Motion to approve the agenda was made by Michelle Eddie and supported Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Consent Calendar: *None.*

V. Old Business: *None.*

VI. Business Items:

A. Election of Officers: *The HAWM Board members elected the 2025-2026 Board officers as follows. This motion was made by Mark Brouwer and was supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*

President – Barth Roberts
Vice President – Todd Medendorp
Treasurer – Mark Brouwer
Secretary – Dr. Bernard Ayoola

B. Adoption of Resolution Designation the Person Responsible for Posting Public Notices.

C. Adoption of Resolution Designation Public Notice Location.

D. Adoption of Annual Board of Directors Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Meetings.

E. Adoption of Resolution Designating Depository for Academy Funds.

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F. Adoption of Resolution Designating Signatory Authority.

G. Adoption of Resolution Designating Personal Authorized to Negotiate and Implement Contracts with Service Providers/Vendors.

H. Appointment of Homeless Children and Youth Liaison, Title IX, Freedom of Information Civil Rights, Title VI, Sexual Harassment and Section 504 Coordinators and Copyright Agent.

I. Appointment of Personal Curriculum Liaison.

J. Appointment of Legal Counsel.

K. Appointment of Independent Auditor.

L. Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer and Budget timeline.

M. Appointment of Registered Agent.

N. Appointment of Recording Secretary.

O. Appointment of Automatic Clearing House (ACH)/Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO).

P. Appointment of the School Safety Liaison.

Q. Adoption of the Resolution Designating the Number of Board of Director Positions.

R. Adoption of Resolution Designating the Principal Print Media Source.

A motion to approve and adopt resolutions B – R was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Extended Public Comment* (limited to non-agenda items only): *None*

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting Date

July 28, 2025 Regular Meeting (Immediately following the Organizational Meeting)

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- VII. Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola to adjourn the meeting and was supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 a.m.*

Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors under Items II and IX above are requested to sign in with the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.

Complaints or concerns regarding Board members or school employees associated with the Academy shall first be addressed in writing and delivered to the Board President at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting or such complaints or concerns shall not be heard by the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner. (Source: Board Policy 0167.3)

Proposed minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection at the Hope Academy of West Michigan/Integrity Educational Services Central office at 3300 36th Street, SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512, eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available within five (5) business days after the meeting at which they are approved (in accordance with Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267.)

Submitted by:



Tracy Clawson
Recording Secretary

Date: 7/31/25

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola
Board Secretary

Date: 8/28/25

