



# GERALD DAWKINS ACADEMY

July 16, 2024 – 10:00 am  
GVSU Charter Schools Office  
201 Front Avenue SW, Suite #310  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

## Board Meeting Minutes

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.
- II. **ROLL CALL**  
Board Members Present: Mr. Jerry McComb, Reverend Jerry Bishop, Ms. Melisha Reid Roberts, Dr. Andrea Smith, and Mr. Brian Cloyd  
Center for Sound Literacy: Mrs. Teresa Weatherall Neal (virtual), Mr. John Kennedy, Ms. Angela O'Brien, Mrs. Kate Alles  
GVSU Charter Schools Office: Mrs. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon, Ms. Courtney Stahl, Ms. Gretchen LaHaie  
Gerald Dawkins Academy: Mr. Lacey James  
Board Legal Counsel: Mr. Doug McNeil
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY** – There was no public comment.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Brian Cloyd made a motion to approve the July 16 board meeting agenda and Jerry Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **PRINCIPAL UPDATE** – Lacey James presented the Principal's Update and Kate Alles presented the 2023-2024 end of year data report.
- VI. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - a. Financial Update – Angela O'Brien explained the monthly financial update and answered board members' questions.
  - b. End of Year Parent Surveys – Lacey James presented the results of the End of Year Parent Survey and the group discussed positives and areas for improvement.
- VII. **AUTHORIZERS COMMENTS**
  - a. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon provided board members with a self-evaluation to reflect on the last school year.
  - b. The GVSU CSO will be creating goals and objectives for their office, which will be shared with schools.
  - c. Board member trainings will be available in the Fall.
  - d. Courtney Stahl met with Lacey James and will continue to have bi-monthly meetings with him.

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Approval of the June 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Brian Cloyd made a motion to approve the June minutes and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

**X. CLOSED SESSION** – A motion was made by Brian Cloyd and seconded by Melisha Reid Roberts to go into a Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion was passed unanimously.

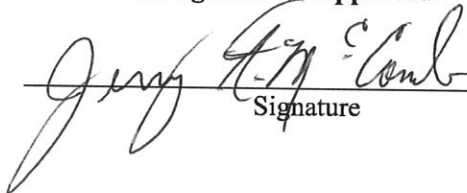
All outside attendees left the meeting room, including public guests. The board members, management company, and legal counsel remained. The discussion was facilitated by the board legal counsel.

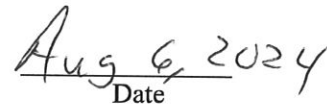
Once the discussion ended, a motion was made by Andrea Smith and seconded by Jerry Bishop to return to the open meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024 @ 10:00 am  
Gerald Dawkins Academy  
1050 Fisk Road, SE  
Grand Rapids, MI

**Board Meeting Minutes Approved**

  
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Signature

  
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Date