



MINUTES
FOR REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

The first meeting in 2024 of the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University was held on the 1st Floor, Daniel and Pamella DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health, on the Health Campus of Grand Valley State University on Friday, February 23, 2024.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mikyia S. Aaron
Elizabeth C. Emmitt, Vice Chair
Ronald E. Hall
Susan M. Jandernoa, Chair
Noreen K. Myers
Philomena V. Mantella, President, Ex Officio

The following members of the Board were absent:

Randall S. Damstra
Shelley E. Padnos
Kate Pew Wolters

The following Board officers and Executive officers were present:

Laura Aikens, Vice President for University Development
Stacie R. Behler, Vice President and Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer and
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Jesse M. Bernal, Chief of Staff to the President and Vice President for Inclusion and Equity
Jenny Hall-Jones, Vice President for Student Affairs
Fatma Mili, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Gregory J. Sanial, Vice President for Finance and Administration and
Treasurer, Board of Trustees
Miloš Topić, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Digital Officer
B. Donta Truss, Vice President for Enrollment Development and Educational Outreach
Cori M. Kahler, Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees
Craig J. Wieschhorster, Assistant Treasurer, Board of Trustees

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

(The Minutes are considered draft until approved at the April 26, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting.)

I. SECRETARY’S REPORT

24-1-1 (1) Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

On motion by Trustee Hall and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting, held November 3, 2023, are approved as distributed.

24-1-2 (2) Motion to Adopt Agenda

On motion by Trustee Emmitt and second by Trustee Hall, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees agenda for the February 23, 2024, meeting is approved as distributed.

24-1-3 (3) Personnel Actions

On motion by Trustee Hall and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the personnel actions as reported at this meeting.

II. PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mantella expressed her gratitude to the team who has spent their time transitioning the finance, payroll, and human resource operations to a unified platform named Workday. In addition, she announced a new Laker Store that will open on Monroe Center in downtown Grand Rapids.

III. GENERAL REPORTS

A) Academic and Student Affairs Committee Reports

24-1-4 (4) Charter Schools Report

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Academy, Detroit (3 years)

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on April 30, 2014, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Academy (the “Academy”); and

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a three (3) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Detroit Premier Academy, Detroit (3 years)

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on April 22, 2005, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Detroit Premier Academy (the "Academy"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on February 11, 2011, authorized the conversion of the Academy from a 6a public school academy to a 6e School of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a 6a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027;

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a three (3) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Muskegon Covenant Academy (formerly Covenant House Academy Muskegon), Muskegon (3 years)

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on April 30, 2014, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Muskegon Covenant Academy (formerly Covenant House Academy Muskegon) (the “Academy”), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on April 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the University’s Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President’s designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a three (3) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Knapp Charter Academy, Grand Rapids (5 years)

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on February 7, 1997, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Knapp Charter Academy (the "Academy"); and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on June 21, 2002, and February 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on February 10, 2012, authorized the conversion of the Academy from a 6a public school academy to a 6e School of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a 6a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a five (5) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Legacy Charter Academy, Detroit (5 years)

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on October 16, 2009, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Legacy Charter Academy (the "Academy"), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on April 28, 2017, and February 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a five (5) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Madison-Carver Academy, Detroit (5 years)

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on April 27, 2012, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Madison-Carver Academy (the "Academy"), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on February 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a five (5) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

Appointment of Charter School Board of Directors

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees appoints the Charter School Board of Directors as presented at this meeting.

24-1-5 (5) Educating Adult Learners at Scale

B) Finance and Audit Committee Reports

24-1-6 (6) Holland Meijer Campus GVSU Police Academy

On motion by Trustee Emmitt and second by Trustee Hall, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees:

1. approves the selection of GMB as the Architect and Engineer of record for the project,
2. approves the selection of Lakewood Construction as the Construction Manager,
3. approves the budget of \$6,450,000 established for this project; the source of funds to be the Strategic Capital Reserve,
4. approves the schedule established for the project,
5. approves the site plan as presented,
6. and authorizes the University administration to award additional contracts, as necessary, to complete the project.

C) Other Reports

24-1-7 (7) Development Division Report

On motion by Trustee Emmitt and second by Trustee Myers, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees gratefully accepts cash gifts of \$13,661,709 to the University presented at this meeting for June 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

24-1-8 (8) 2024 Inclusion & Equity Report

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

24-1-9 (9) President's Report

President Mantella's report focused on building capacity to fulfill Grand Valley's purpose. In her report, she highlighted the institutional priorities and the progress made to date; such as Blue Dot, empowering student learning, and expanding adult learning. She also introduced the name for the new unit that will expand programmatic access to adult learners – Omni by Grand Valley State University.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

24-1-10 (10) Public Comment

VI. ADJOURNMENT

24-1-11 (11) Motion to Adjourn

RESOLVED, on motion by Trustee Jandernoa and second by Trustee Emmitt, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Susan M. Jandernoa, Chair
Board of Trustees

Stacie R. Behler, Secretary
Board of Trustees