MINUTES

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

The second meeting in 2026 of the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University was held on the first floor, L. William Seidman Center, on the Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus of Grand Valley State University on Friday, April 17, 2026, and also livestreamed via Zoom Webinar.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mikyia S. Aaron, Vice Chair
Elizabeth C. Emmitt, Chair
Ronald E. Hall
Brandon J. Hofmeister
Susan M. Jandernoa
Noreen K. Myers
Shelley E. Padnos
Jason R. Trice
Philomena V. Mantella, President, Ex Officio

The following Board officers and Executive officers were present:

Laura Aikens, Vice President for Institutional Advancement
Stacie R. Behler, Vice President and Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer and Secretary, Board of Trustees
Jennifer A. Drake, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Jenny Hall-Jones, Vice President for Student Affairs
Gregory J. Sanial, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer, Board of Trustees
Robert Shorty, Vice President for People, Equity, and Culture
Miloš Topić, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Digital Officer
B. Donta Truss, Vice President for Enrollment Development and College Futures
Kara Van Dam, Vice President, Chief Executive of GVSU Omni
Jessica Karbowski Weare, Vice President and General Counsel
Cori M. Kahler, Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees

The following Board officer was absent:

Craig J. Wieschhorster, Assistant Treasurer, Board of Trustees

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

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

26-2-1 (1) Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

On motion by Trustee Hall and second by Trustee Aaron, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting, held February 6, 2026, are approved as distributed.

26-2-2 (2) Motion to Adopt Agenda

On motion by Trustee Hall and second by Trustee Aaron, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees agenda for the April 17, 2026, meeting is approved as distributed.

26-2-3 (3) Committee to Nominate Board Officers

The Board Chair has identified the following trustees to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Susan M. Jandernoa
Noreen K. Myers

The Board of Trustees will receive a report from the Nominating Committee and will elect officers at its July 10, 2026, meeting.

26-2-4 (4) Honorary Degree

On motion by Trustee Jandernoa and second by Trustee Hofmeister, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the granting of an Honorary Doctor degree to Steve Wozniak, to be awarded at the 2026 Commencement Ceremony on May 1, 2026, at 7 PM. He will also be the commencement speaker for May 1-2, 2026. A Silicon Valley icon, technology entrepreneur and philanthropist for more than forty years, Steve Wozniak has helped shape the computing industry with his design of Apple's first line of products the Apple I and II. He also influenced the popular Macintosh. In 1976, Wozniak and Steve Jobs founded Apple Computer Inc. with Wozniak's Apple I personal computer. Wozniak continues to pursue his entrepreneurial and philanthropic interests to this day. In October 2017, Steve co-founded Woz U — a postsecondary education and training platform focused on software engineering and technology development.

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT, cont'd.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the granting of an Honorary Doctor degree to Judith R. Faulkner, to be awarded at the 2026 Commencement Ceremony on May 2, 2026, at 3 PM. Judy Faulkner is CEO and founder of Epic, which she began in 1979 in the basement of an apartment house with $70,000 in start-up money and 2 half-time assistants. Epic has grown by its bootstraps, without venture capital or going public. After teaching computer science for several years she then worked as a software developer, creating one of the first databases organized around the patient. Judy currently is a member of the National Academy of Medicine's Leadership Roundtable, The Scottsdale Institute, and of the Aspen Health Strategy Group. She has pledged that 99% of her assets will go to philanthropy.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

26-2-5 (5) Public Comment

III. PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President acknowledged community feedback and reinforced the university's commitment to stewardship, shared responsibility, and continuous improvement. Key updates included preparations for Commencement – celebrating over 3,000 graduates, recognition of distinguished faculty and staff achievements, and national honors in technology and athletics that reflect Grand Valley's excellence.

IV. GENERAL REPORTS

A) Academic and Student Affairs Committee Reports

26-2-6 (6) New Program Proposal – Computing, Ph.D.

On motion by Trustee Myers and second by Trustee Hall, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the changes to *Board of Trustees Policies* Section 3.2.1, Official Degree Programs, to add the Ph.D. as an official degree and to Section 3.2.5, Doctoral Degree Program, to add the Computing Ph.D. program as presented at this meeting.

B) Finance and Audit Committee Reports

26-2-7 (7) 2026-2027 Housing & Dining Budget and Room & Board Rates

On motion by Trustee Hall and second by Trustee Hofmeister, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2026-2027 Housing & Dining Budget as presented at this meeting; and

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2026-2027 Room and Board Rates as presented at this meeting.

26-2-8 (8) 2026-2027 Auxiliary Operating Budgets

On motion by Trustee Hall and second by Trustee Hofmeister, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2026-2027 Auxiliary Operating Budgets as presented at this meeting.

26-2-9 (9) 2026-2027 Tuition and Fee Schedule

On motion by Trustee Hall and second by Trustee Jandernoa, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2026-2027 Tuition and Fee Schedule as presented at this meeting.

C) Other Reports

26-2-10 (10) Charter Schools Report

Authorization of Greater Heights Academy, Flint (6a Contract – 5 years)

On motion by Trustee Padnos and second by Trustee Jandernoa, the following resolution was approved by the following votes:

Aye: Trustee Aaron, Trustee Emmitt, Trustee Hofmeister, Trustee Jandernoa, Trustee Myers, Trustee Padnos, and Trustee Trice

Abstain: Trustee Hall

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has provided for the establishment of public school academies as part of the Michigan public school system by enacting Act No. 362 of the Public Acts of 1993; and

WHEREAS, according to this legislation, the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees (the "Board of Trustees"), as the governing body of a state public university, is an authorizing body empowered to issue contracts to organize and operate public school academies; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has mandated that public school academy contracts be issued on a competitive basis taking into consideration the resources available for the proposed public school academy, the population to be served by the proposed public school academy, and the educational goals to be achieved by the proposed public school academy; and

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, having requested applications for organizing public school academies and having reviewed the applications according to the provisions set forth by the Michigan Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the application for Greater Heights Academy ("Academy"), located at 3196 W. Pasadena Ave, Flint, MI 48504, submitted under Section 502 of the Revised School Code, meets the Board of Trustees' requirements and the requirements of applicable law, is therefore approved;

2. That the Board of Trustees establishes the method of selection, length of term and number of members of the Academy's Board of Directors as follows:

   Method of Selection and Appointment of Academy Board Members:

   a. Initial Academy Board Member Nominations and Appointments: As part of the public school academy application, the public school academy applicant shall propose to the Division of K-12 Education Innovation and Scholar Success (DEISS) Director ("Director"), the names of proposed individuals to serve on the initial board of directors of the proposed public school academy. When the Director recommends an initial contract for approval to the Board of Trustees, he/she shall include recommendations for initial Academy Board members. These recommendations may, but are not required to, include individuals proposed by the public school academy applicant. To be considered for appointment, the nominees must have completed the required board member candidate application materials, including at least (i) the Academy Board Member Questionnaire prescribed by the University DEISS; and (ii) the Criminal Background Check Report prescribed by the University DEISS.

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

b. Subsequent Academy Board Member Nominations and Appointments: Except as provided in paragraph (2) below, the Academy Board may nominate individuals for subsequent Academy Board of Director positions. As part of the appointment process, the Academy Board may submit to the Director: (i) the name of the nominee; (ii) the board member candidate application materials identified in paragraph (a) above; and (iii) a copy of the Academy Board nominating resolution. The Director may or may not recommend the proposed nominee submitted by the Academy Board. If the Director does not recommend a nominee submitted by the Academy Board, the Director shall select a nominee and forward that recommendation to the Board of Trustees for appointment. The Board of Trustees shall have the sole and exclusive right to appoint members to the Academy Board.

c. Exigent Appointments: When the Director determines an "exigent condition" exists which requires him/her to make an appointment to a public school academy's board of directors, the Director, with University President approval, may immediately appoint a person to serve as a public school academy board member for the time specified, but not longer than the next meeting held by the Board of Trustees when a regular appointment may be made by the Board of Trustees. The Director shall make the appointment in writing and notify the public school academy's board of directors of the appointment. Exigent conditions include, but are not limited to when an Academy Board seat is vacant, when a Academy Board cannot reach a quorum, when the Board of Trustees determines that an Academy Board member's service is no longer required, when an Academy Board member is removed, when an Academy Board fails to fill a vacancy, or other reasons which would prohibit the Academy Board from taking action without such an appointment.

3. Qualifications of Academy Board Members: To be qualified to serve on the Academy Board, a person shall: (a) be a citizen of the United States; (b) reside in the State of Michigan; (c) submit all materials requested by the DEISS including, but not limited to, a GVSU Academy Board Member Questionnaire and a release for criminal history background check; (d) not be an employee of the Academy; (e) not be a director, officer, or employee of a company or other entity that contracts with the Academy; and (f) not be an employee or representative of GVSU or be a member of the Board of Trustees.

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

4. Oath /Acceptance of Office / Voting Rights: Following appointment by the Board of Trustees, Academy Board Appointees may begin their legal duties, including the right to vote, after they have signed an Acceptance of Public Office form and taken the Oath or Affirmation of Public Office administered by a member of the Academy Board, other public official or notary public.

5. Length of Term; Removal: An appointed Academy Board member is an "at will" board member who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees for a term of office not to exceed three (3) years. Regardless of the length of term, terms shall end on June 30 of the final year of service, unless shorter due to other provisions of this resolution. A person appointed to serve as an Academy Board member may be reappointed to serve additional terms. When an Academy Board member is appointed to complete the term of service of another Academy Board member, their service ends at the end of the previous Academy Board member's term.

   If the Board of Trustees determines that an Academy Board member's service in office is no longer required, then the Board of Trustees may remove an Academy board member with or without cause and shall specify the date when the Academy Board member's service ends. An Academy Board member may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy's Board for cause.

6. Resignations: A member of the Academy Board may resign from office by submitting a written resignation or by notifying the Director. The resignation is effective upon receipt by the Director, unless a later date is specified in the resignation. A written notice of resignation is not required. If no such written notification is provided, then the Director shall confirm a resignation in writing. The resignation shall be effective upon the date the Director sends confirmation to the resigning Academy Board member.

7. Vacancy: An Academy Board position shall be considered vacant when an Academy Board member:

   a. Resigns
   b. Dies
   c. Is removed from Office
   d. Is convicted of a felony
   e. Ceases to be qualified
   f. Is incapacitated

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

8. Filling a Vacancy: The Academy Board may nominate and the Director shall recommend or temporarily appoint persons to fill a vacancy as outlined in the "Subsequent Appointments" and "Exigent Appointments" procedures in this resolution.

9. Number of Academy Board Member Positions: The number of member positions of the Academy Board of Directors shall be five (5), seven (7) or nine (9), as determined from time to time by the Academy Board.

10. Quorum: In order to legally transact business, the Academy Board shall have a quorum physically present at a duly called meeting of the Academy Board. A "quorum" shall be defined as follows:

# of Academy Board positions	# required for Quorum
Five (5)	Three (3)
Seven (7)	Four (4)
Nine (9)	Five (5)

A board member who is absent from a meeting of the board due to military duty may participate in the meeting virtually, and that member's virtual presence will count towards quorum and allow the absent member to participate in and vote on business before the board.

11. Manner of Acting: The Academy Board shall be considered to have "acted," when a duly called meeting of the Academy Board has a quorum present and the number of board members voting in favor of an action is as follows:

# of Academy Board positions	# for Quorum	# required to act
Five (5)	Three (3)	Three (3)
Seven (7)	Four (4)	Four (4)
Nine (9)	Five (5)	Five (5)

12. Initial Members of the Board of Directors: The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees appoints the following persons to serve as the initial members of the Academy's Board of Directors for the designated term of office set forth below:

Matthew Barcey	1 year term expiring June 30, 2027
LaMarcus Keels	2 year term expiring June 30, 2028
Jolie McKnight	2 year term expiring June 30, 2028
Marvin Miller	3 year term expiring June 30, 2029
TBD	3 year term expiring June 30, 2029

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

13. Conservator; Appointment by University President: Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, in the event that the health, safety, and welfare of the Academy students, property, or funds are at risk, the University President, after consulting with the University Board Chairperson, may appoint a person to serve as the Conservator of the Academy. Upon appointment, the Conservator shall have all powers of a Board of Directors of a Public School Academy and act in the place and stead of the Academy Board. The University President shall appoint the conservator for a definite term, which may be extended in writing. During the appointment, the Academy Board members are suspended and all powers of the Academy Board are suspended. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. During their appointment, the Conservator shall have the following powers: a) take into his or her possession all Academy property and records, including financial, board, employment, and student records; b) institute and defend board actions by or on behalf of the Academy; c) continue the business of the Academy including entering into contracts, borrowing money, and pledging, mortgaging, or otherwise encumbering the property of the Academy as security for the repayment of the loans, however, the power shall be subject to any provisions and restrictions in any existing credit documents; d) hire, fire, and discipline employees of the Academy; e) settle or compromise with any debtor or creditor of the Academy, including any taxing authority; f) review all outstanding agreements to which the Academy is a party and to take those actions which the Academy Board may have exercised to pay, extend, rescind, renegotiate, or settle such agreements as needed; and g) perform all acts necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Academy's purposes as set forth under the Code or this Contract.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Kalamazoo Prep Academy, Kalamazoo (3 years)

On motion by Trustee Padnos and second by Trustee Jandernoa, the following resolution was approved by the following votes:

Aye: Trustee Aaron, Trustee Emmitt, Trustee Hofmeister, Trustee Jandernoa, Trustee Myers, Trustee Padnos, and Trustee Trice

Abstain: Trustee Hall

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on July 10, 2015, authorized the issuance of a charter contract to Kalamazoo Prep Academy and most recently authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on April 28, 2023; and

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

WHEREAS, the University's Division of K-12 Education Innovation and Scholar Success (DEISS) 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, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029; and

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 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 – The Greenspire School, Traverse City (5 years)

On motion by Trustee Padnos and second by Trustee Jandernoa, the following resolution was approved by the following votes:

Aye: Trustee Aaron, Trustee Emmitt, Trustee Hofmeister, Trustee Jandernoa, Trustee Myers, Trustee Padnos, and Trustee Trice

Abstain: Trustee Hall

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on November 2, 2018, authorized the issuance of a charter contract to The Greenspire School and most recently authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on April 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the University's Division of K-12 Education Innovation and Scholar Success (DEISS) 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, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031; and

IV. 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 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 – Walker Charter Academy, Walker (7 years)

On motion by Trustee Padnos and second by Trustee Jandernoa, the following resolution was approved by the following votes:

Aye: Trustee Aaron, Trustee Emmitt, Trustee Hofmeister, Trustee Jandernoa, Trustee Myers, Trustee Padnos, and Trustee Trice

Abstain: Trustee Hall

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on February 10, 2012, authorized the issuance of a charter contract to Walker Charter Academy and most recently authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on 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 Division of K-12 Education Innovation and Scholar Success (DEISS) 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 seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2033; and

IV. 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 a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a seven (7) 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.

Appointment of Charter School Board of Directors

On motion by Trustee Padnos and second by Trustee Jandernoa, the following resolution was approved by the following votes:

Aye: Trustee Aaron, Trustee Emmitt, Trustee Hofmeister, Trustee Jandernoa, Trustee Myers, Trustee Padnos, and Trustee Trice

Abstain: Trustee Hall

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

26-2-11 (11) Institutional Advancement Division Report

On motion by Trustee Padnos and second by Trustee Aaron, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees gratefully accepts cash gifts of $12,225,422.65 to the University and WGVU presented at this meeting for January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026.

26-2-12 (12) University Academic Senate Report

26-2-13 (13) Student Senate Report

26-2-14 (14) Personnel Actions

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Hall, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

26-2-15 (15) President's Report

The President expressed appreciation for the Board's engagement and reaffirmed a shared leadership model grounded in mission, collaboration, and long-term stewardship. She reflected on Grand Valley's founding purpose and enduring responsibility to expand opportunity, drive economic and social impact, and serve as a keystone institution for the state. Emphasizing alignment and forward focus, the report underscored the university's commitment to strengthening its relevance, adaptability, and impact for future generations.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

26-2-16 (16) Motion to Adjourn

RESOLVED, on motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Hofmeister, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

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Elizabeth C. Emmitt, Chair
Board of Trustees

Stacie R. Behler, Secretary
Board of Trustees