



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

The first meeting in 2022 of the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University was held on the 2nd Floor, Russel H. Kirkhof Center, on the Allendale Campus of Grand Valley State University on Friday, February 18, 2022, and also livestreamed via Zoom Webinar.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mikyia S. Aaron
Victor M. Cardenas
Randall S. Damstra
Elizabeth C. Emmitt
Susan M. Jandernoa, Vice Chair
Noreen K. Myers
Megan S. Rydecki, Chair
Kate Pew Wolters
Philomena V. Mantella, President, Ex Officio

The following Board officers and Executive officers were present:

Laura Aikens, Vice President for University Development
Jesse M. Bernal, Chief of Staff to the President and Vice President for Inclusion and Equity
Jenny Hall-Jones, Vice President for Student Affairs
Matthew E. McLogan, Vice President for University Relations and
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Chris Plouff, Interim 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
Craig J. Wieschhorster, Assistant Treasurer, Board of Trustees

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

22-1-1 (1) Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting, held November 5, 2021, are approved as distributed.

22-1-2 (2) Motion to Adopt Agenda

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees agenda for the February 18, 2022, meeting is approved as distributed.

22-1-3 (3) Personnel Actions

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

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

22-1-4 (4) Public Comment

II. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

President Mantella acknowledged and supported Governor Whitmer's recently announced proposal for higher education appropriations. In addition, the president reported on three recent hires at Grand Valley: Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Jenny Hall-Jones; Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Fatma Mili; and Associate Vice President for Admissions and Recruitment, Dr. Daniel Vélez.

III. GENERAL REPORTS

A) Academic and Student Affairs Committee Reports

- 22-1-5 (5) Revisions to *Board of Trustees Policies*:
New Administrative Organization to Establish a Division of Student Affairs
2.2 – President’s Office & Administrative Structure
2.2.5 – Organization
4.2 – Various Faculty Personnel Policies
5.1 – Student Affairs

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the revisions to Sections 2.2, 2.2.5, 4.2, and 5.1 of the *Board of Trustees Policies*, as presented at this meeting.

- 22-1-6 (6) Charter Schools Report
Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Endeavor Charter Academy, Springfield (5 years)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on February 20, 1998, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Endeavor Charter Academy (the “Academy”), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on February 29, 2008, and April 24, 2015; 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, 2022, 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 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.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Grand River Preparatory High School, Kentwood (7 years)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on February 13, 2015, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Grand River Preparatory High School (the “Academy”); 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 seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2022, 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 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.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract and Grade Addition– Global Heights Academy (formerly Neighborhood Academy), Dearborn Heights (5 years)

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Cardenas, 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 Global Heights Academy and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on April 28, 2017, and April 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has issued a contract to Global Heights Academy (“Academy”) and has authorized the Academy to operate Kindergarten through Fifth grades (K-5th); and

WHEREAS, the Academy requests the Board of Trustees approve the addition of Sixth through Eighth grades (6-8th) for 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 five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2022, 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 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Article IX of the Terms and Conditions incorporated into the Academy's Contract, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the addition of Sixth through Eighth grades (6-8th) for the Academy.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Paragon Charter Academy, Jackson (7 years)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on February 20, 1998, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Paragon Charter Academy (the "Academy"), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on February 29, 2008, and April 24, 2015; 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 seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2029;

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 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.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Reach Charter Academy, Roseville (5 years)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on April 25, 2008, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Reach Charter Academy (the “Academy”), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on April 24, 2015; 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, 2022, 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 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.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on June 18, 2001, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Warrendale Charter Academy (the “Academy”), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on April 25, 2008, and April 24, 2015; 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, 2022, 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 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 – West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics, Spring Lake (5 years)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on April 26, 1996, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics (the “Academy”), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on June 18, 2001, February 29, 2008, and April 24, 2015; 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, 2022, 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 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.

Site Addition and Grade Addition– Covenant House Academy Detroit

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees issued a contract to Covenant House Academy Detroit ("Academy") and has authorized the Academy to operate grades Ninth through Twelfth (9-12th) at 2959 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Detroit, MI 48208, 9100 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48213, and 1450 25th Street, Detroit, MI 48216; and

WHEREAS, the Academy desires an additional location and to allow for the operation of grades Seventh through Twelfth (7-12th) at that location; and

WHEREAS, the Academy requests the Board of Trustees to approve a site addition for Covenant House Academy Detroit beginning in the 2022-2023 academic year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Section 6.11 of the Terms and Conditions incorporated into the Academy's contract, dated July 1, 2020, the Board of Trustees hereby approves an amendment of the Academy's contract to include the following site addition for the Academy:

1961 Lincoln Street
Highland Park, MI 48203

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Article IX of the Terms and Conditions incorporated into the Academy's Contract, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the addition of Seventh and Eighth grades (7-8th) for the Academy's new site.

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

Appointment of Charter School Board of Directors

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

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

B) Finance and Audit Committee Reports

22-1-7 (7) Fieldhouse Addition/Renovation

On motion by Trustee Damstra and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees:

1. approves the selection of Integrated Architecture as the project architect for the project,
2. approves the selection of Pioneer Construction as the construction manager/constructor for the project,
3. approves the budget of \$14,100,000 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 floor plans as presented,
6. authorizes the University administration to submit required documents to the State of Michigan,
7. authorizes the University administration to award additional contracts, as necessary, to complete the project.

C) Other Reports

22-1-8 (8) Development Division Report

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees gratefully accepts cash gifts of \$7,416,760.55 to the University presented at this meeting for October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

22-1-9 (9) President's Report

President Mantella shared Grand Valley State University's final strategy process, *Reach Higher 2025*, that was crafted collectively by the campus community. *Reach Higher 2025* defines a new mission, vision, values, and commitments for the University which illustrates Grand Valley's expressed goal of providing a better future for all who seek knowledge, expertise and excellence from the University. Grand Valley is capitalizing on its strong liberal education that produces students who are educated, forward thinking and flexible. It's expanding as a talent producer, graduating students in fields that are driving the future of Michigan and the transformation of the economy. The president stated that Grand Valley is resolute in addressing the challenges of our current times, equipping our students to deal with the challenges of their times – throughout their lifetimes. The three co-leads for the *Reach Higher 2025* steering committee (Tara Bivens, Benefits Manager for Human Resources; Dr. Mark Schaub, Dean of Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies; and Dr. Janet Winter, Associate Dean for the Kirkhof College of Nursing) discussed how a large contingent of the university community provided comprehensive input that shaped the plan.

22-1-10 (10) Grand Valley State University *Reach Higher 2025*:
University Strategy 2021-2025

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University had previously reviewed and approved the Strategic Positioning: Strategic Plan 2016-2021 to ensure that the university operates in a way to realize its mission; and

WHEREAS, a selected group of University representatives were convened as the *Reach Higher 2025* Steering Committee to lead the strategy development process for 2021-2025; and

WHEREAS, all constituents were afforded the opportunity to participate in and be heard by the strategic development process; and

WHEREAS, the Board has supported the strategy development process and engaged in its evolution over the past three years; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and student governance bodies and the Administrative Professional Committee endorsed *Reach Higher 2025*; and

WHEREAS, the Board has directed the administration to exercise its responsibilities to ensure that *Reach Higher 2025* is approved, and that it is implemented, and that accountability is measured;

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University endorses the University strategy, *Reach Higher 2025*, as presented at this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Grand Valley State University shared values as inquiry, inclusive and equitable community, innovation, integrity, and international perspectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Grand Valley State University vision as: Grand Valley State University will prepare globally minded citizens for the future they face and the communities they shape. Our community of educators will create and employ innovative approaches to liberal education and professional programs that center on and prepare students for a lifetime of continual learning and growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Grand Valley State University mission statement as: At Grand Valley State University, we empower learners in their pursuits, professions, and purpose. The University enriches society through excellent teaching, active scholarship, advancement of equity, and public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Grand Valley State University commitments as: an empowered educational experience, a lifetime of learning, and educational equity.

22-1-11 (11) Motion to Adjourn

RESOLVED, on motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Jandernoa, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Megan S. Rydecki, Chair
Board of Trustees

Matthew E. McLogan, Secretary
Board of Trustees