



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

The second meeting in 2022 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 29, 2022, and also livestreamed via Zoom Webinar.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mikyia S. Aaron  
Victor M. Cardenas  
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 member of the Board was absent:

Randall S. Damstra

The following Board officers and Executive officers were present:

Laura Aikens, Vice President for University Development  
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  
Craig J. Wieschhorster, Assistant Treasurer, Board of Trustees

The following Executive officers were absent:

Jesse M. Bernal, Chief of Staff to the President and Vice President for Inclusion and Equity  
B. Donta Truss, Vice President for Enrollment Development and Educational Outreach

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

22-2-1 (1) Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting, held February 18, 2022, are approved as distributed.

22-2-2 (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 April 29, 2022, meeting is approved as distributed.

22-2-3 (3) Committee to Nominate Board Officers

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

Randall S. Damstra  
Noreen K. Myers

The Board of Trustees will receive a report from the Nominating Committee and will elect officers at its June 24, 2022, meeting.

22-2-4 (4) Commencement Reminders

Commencement will be held on Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the Van Andel Arena in downtown Grand Rapids. The Friday night ceremony will begin at 7 p.m., the first ceremony on Saturday will begin at 10 a.m. and the second at 3 p.m. Additional information regarding robing location, parking arrangements, and logistics for the ceremonies has been mailed to members of the Board of Trustees.

22-2-5 (5) Personnel Actions

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

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

22-2-6 (6) Public Comment

## II. PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

President Mantella acknowledged the pain the Grand Valley community is experiencing in the shooting death of Patrick Lyoya in Grand Rapids earlier in April. She shared that Grand Valley will continue to lead in inclusion and equity, not just in moments of tragedy, but persistently and pervasively across our institution. In addition, the president reported on the recent hire of Stacie Behler, Vice President and Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer, beginning July 1, 2022.

## III. GENERAL REPORTS

### A) Academic and Student Affairs Committee Reports

- 22-2-7 (7) Revisions to *Board of Trustees Policies*,  
3.1.3 – Academic Support Units, and  
3.1.4 – Academic Governance

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the changes to Section 3.1.3 – Academic Support Units, and Section 3.1.4 – Academic Governance, of the *Board of Trustees Policies*, as presented at this meeting.

- 22-2-8 (8) Charter Schools Report

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Timberland Charter Academy, Muskegon (5 years)

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

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 Timberland Charter Academy (the “Academy”), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on June 21, 2002, April 27, 2012, 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

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;

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 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 – Crossroads Charter Academy, Big Rapids (3 years)

On motion by Trustee Jandernoa and second by Trustee Myers, 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 Crossroads 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 three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2025;

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 – Light of the World Academy, Pinckney (3 years)

On motion by Trustee Jandernoa and second by Trustee Myers, 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 July 11, 2014, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Light of the World 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 three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2025;

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 – William C. Abney Academy, Grand Rapids (3 years)

On motion by Trustee Jandernoa and second by Trustee Myers, 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 William C. Abney Academy (the "Academy"), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on February 29, 2008 and April 26, 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 three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2025;

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,

### III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

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 – Eagle’s Nest Academy, Flint (1 year)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on November 1, 2013, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Eagle’s Nest Academy (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 one (1) year term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023;

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 one (1) 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 – Flint Cultural Center Academy

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees issued a contract to Flint Cultural Center Academy (“Academy”) and has authorized the Academy to operate grades Kindergarten through Twelfth (K-12<sup>th</sup>) at 1200 Robert T. Longway Blvd., Flint, MI 48503; and

WHEREAS, the Academy desires an additional location and to allow for the operation of grades Ninth through Twelfth (9-12<sup>th</sup>); and

### III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

WHEREAS, the Academy requests the Board of Trustees to approve a site addition for Flint Cultural Center Academy beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year to accommodate its Ninth through Twelfth (9-12<sup>th</sup>) grades;

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, 2019, the Board of Trustees hereby approves an amendment of the Academy's contract to include the following site addition for the Academy:

817 E. Kearsley Street  
Flint, MI 48503

#### Appointment of Charter School Board of Directors

On motion by Trustee Jandernoa 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

22-2-9 (9) 2022-2023 Housing & Dining Budget and Room & Board Rates

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2022-2023 Room & Board Rates as presented at this meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2022-2023 Housing & Dining Budget as presented at this meeting.

22-2-10 (10) 2022-2023 Auxiliary Operating Budgets

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2022-2023 Auxiliary Operating Budgets as presented at this meeting.

22-2-11 (11) Modifications to Bank Signature Authority

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

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees grants Chad Reynolds, Director of Treasury, authority to initiate or approve banking and investment transactions to or from university accounts.

C) Other Reports

22-2-12 (12) Development Division Report

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees gratefully accepts cash gifts of \$4,180,875.00 to the University presented at this meeting for January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022.

22-2-13 (13) University Academic Senate Report

22-2-14 (14) Student Senate Report

22-2-15 (15) President's Report

President Mantella highlighted two examples of Grand Valley serving the urgent needs in our communities – the BSHS Spectrum Health West Michigan Nurse Scholars initiative and K-12 Connect. Dr. Darryl Elmouchi, president of Spectrum Health West Michigan, spoke about the partnership between GVSU and Spectrum Health and how the recent initiative will address the nursing shortage and hopefully be a model for other partnerships across the country. Wendy Miller, GV NextEd Co-Lab Director of Targeted Learning, spoke about K-12 Connect which contracts with public and charter schools in Michigan and has provided over 36,000 tutoring sessions across 56 counties. Two GVSU students, Aanab Ibrahim and Josh Theeke, who have participated in the program as tutors shared their testimonies of the impact it has had on their life as well as on the lives of the students they tutor.

22-2-16 (16) Motion to Adjourn

RESOLVED, on motion by Chair Rydecki and second by Trustee Cardenas, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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Megan S. Rydecki, Chair  
Board of Trustees

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Matthew E. McLogan, Secretary  
Board of Trustees