



MINUTES

FOR REGULAR MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

The first meeting in 2023 of the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University was held on the 1st Floor, L. William Seidman Center, on the Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus of Grand Valley State University on Friday, February 24, 2023, and also livestreamed via Zoom Webinar.

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
Shelley E. Padnos
Philomena V. Mantella, President, Ex Officio

The following members of the Board were absent:

Randall S. Damstra
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
Craig J. Wieschhorster, Assistant Treasurer, Board of Trustees

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

I. SECRETARY’S REPORT

23-1-1 (1) Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting, held November 4, 2022, are approved as distributed.

23-1-2 (2) Motion to Adopt Agenda

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees agenda for the February 24, 2023, meeting is approved as distributed.

23-1-3 (3) Personnel Actions

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

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

23-1-4 (4) Public Comment

II. PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

III. GENERAL REPORTS

A) Academic and Student Affairs Committee Reports

23-1-5 (5) Charter Schools Report

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Achieve Charter Academy, Canton (7 years)

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Padnos, 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 Achieve Charter Academy (the “Academy”), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on April 29, 2016; 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 seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2030;

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 – Chandler Woods Charter Academy, Belmont (7 years)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on February 5, 1999, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Chandler Woods Charter Academy (the "Academy"), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on May 5, 2009, and April 29, 2016; 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2030;

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 – East Arbor Charter Academy, Ypsilanti (5 years)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on April 29, 2011, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter East Arbor Charter Academy (the “Academy”), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on April 27, 2018; 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2028;

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 – Michigan Mathematics and Science Academy, Warren (3 years)

On motion by Trustee Aaron and second by Trustee Padnos, 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 October 27, 2008, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Michigan Mathematics and Science Academy (the "Academy"), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on April 29, 2016; 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2026;

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.

Appointment of Charter School Board of Directors

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

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

C) Other Reports

23-1-6 (6) Campus Master Plan

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees endorses the visionary framework as presented in the 2022 campus master plan update as presented at this meeting.

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

23-1-7 (7) Development Division Report

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees gratefully accepts cash gifts of \$4,959,257.43 to the University presented at this meeting for October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

23-1-8 (8) President's Report

President Mantella provided an update on the goals of Reach Higher 2025 and how Grand Valley State University is fulfilling the commitments. Jen Drake, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), spoke to the first commitment, an empowered educational experience. She shared the evolution of a CLAS education that is both a foundation for life and career readiness and highlighted the CLAS Voyage. Kris Pachla, Director of the CLAS Center for Experiential Education and Community Engagement, shared about the recently announced Laker Accelerated Talent Link. This new program supports the second commitment, a lifetime of learning, and meets the needs of both learners and employers. Jesse Bernal, Chief of Staff to the President and Vice President for Inclusion and Equity, highlighted the work in the Division of Inclusion and Equity that support the third commitment, a culture of educational equity.

23-1-9 (9) Motion to Adjourn

RESOLVED, on motion by Trustee Jandernoa and second by Trustee Emmitt, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Susan M. Jandernoa, Chair
Board of Trustees

Stacie R. Behler, Secretary
Board of Trustees