



MINUTES

FOR REGULAR MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

The second meeting in 2021 of the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University was held remotely via Zoom Webinar on Friday, April 30, 2021.

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:

Jesse M. Bernal, Chief of Staff to the President and Vice President for Inclusion and Equity
Thomas A. Butcher, Vice President and General Counsel
Maria C. Cimitile, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Karen M. Loth, Vice President for University Development
Matthew E. McLogan, Vice President for University Relations and
Secretary, Board of Trustees
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

21-2-1 (1) Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting, held February 26, 2021, are approved as distributed.

21-2-2 (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 30, 2021, meeting is approved as distributed.

21-2-3 (3) Committee to Nominate Board Officers

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

Victor M. Cardenas
Kate Pew Wolters

The Board of Trustees will receive a report from the Nominating Committee and will elect officers at its June 25, 2021, meeting.

21-2-4 (4) Commencement Reminders

A virtual Commencement ceremony will be held on Friday, April 30, at 7 PM. The Laker Graduation Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 1, in the Fieldhouse Arena on the Allendale Campus, from 10 AM – 5:30 PM.

21-2-5 (5) Personnel Actions

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

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

II. PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

President Mantella provided an update to the campus community which included sharing her appreciation for all faculty, staff, and students as they navigated the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic during the past year, her congratulations to all of the Winter 2021 graduates, and she concluded by recognizing and sharing her gratitude for two retiring executive officers, Thomas A. Butcher and Karen M. Loth.

III. CHAIR – PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

21-2-6 (6) Recognition of Thomas A. Butcher

By acclamation of the Board of Trustees, the following resolution was adopted:

The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees today, April 30, 2021, honors Thomas A. Butcher for his 38 years of exemplary service at Grand Valley State University.

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Butcher, vice president and general counsel, will retire from Grand Valley State University on June 19; and

WHEREAS, his entire professional career after law school has been at Grand Valley, in positions of increasing importance and in which he excelled; and

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Butcher was named Grand Valley’s first-ever general counsel in recognition of the skill he displayed in overseeing the university’s – and the Board of Trustees’ – legal matters; and

WHEREAS, he also assumed supervisory responsibility for charter schools and risk management, ensuring compliance and best practice in those key activities; and

WHEREAS, his special competence in real estate was of particular importance to a university with a continuously growing footprint; and

WHEREAS, 2021 represents the 38th year of his employment at Grand Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, hereby recognizes Thomas A. Butcher for his diligence, integrity, and many accomplishments; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby names Thomas A. Butcher as Vice President Emeritus with all of its rights and privileges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board transmits a copy of this resolution as evidence of its thanks and appreciation.

III. CHAIR – PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR cont'd.

21-2-7 (7) Recognition of Karen M. Loth

By acclamation of the Board of Trustees, the following resolution was adopted:

The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees today, April 30, 2021, honors Karen M. Loth for her 20 years of exemplary service at Grand Valley State University.

WHEREAS, Karen M. Loth, vice president for development and executive director of the GVSU Foundation, will retire from Grand Valley State University on June 19; and

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years she has helped to lead and oversee the activity through which supporters of the university can assist with university priorities; and

WHEREAS, Loth's record of friend-raising and fund-raising has been unmatched; and

WHEREAS, evidence of her success is seen everywhere in new facilities and expanded scholarship programs; and

WHEREAS, Grand Valley would not have become the institution it is today without her expertise and skill;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby recognizes Karen M. Loth for her exceptional accomplishments; and,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby names Karen M. Loth as Vice President Emeritus with all of its rights and privileges, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board transmits a copy of this resolution as evidence of its thanks and appreciation.

IV. GENERAL REPORTS

A) Academic and Student Affairs Committee Reports

21-2-8 (8) Charter Schools Report

Reauthorization of 6e Charter Contract – Black River Public School, Holland (7 years)

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

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

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 Black River Public School (the “Academy”); and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on June 18, 2000; 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 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, 2021, 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 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 – Canton Preparatory High School, Canton (7 years)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on February 14, 2014, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Canton Preparatory High School (the “Academy”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has issued a contract to Canton Preparatory High School (“Academy”) and has authorized the Academy to operate grades Ninth through Twelfth (9-12); and

WHEREAS, the Academy requests the Board of Trustees approve the addition of Seventh and Eighth grades (7-8th) for the Academy; and

IV. 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, 2021, 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 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.

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 Eighths grade (7-8th) for the Academy.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Grand River Academy, Livonia (5 years)

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Jandernoa, 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 Grand River 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 five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2021, 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

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

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 – Muskegon Covenant Academy (formerly Covenant House Academy Muskegon), Muskegon (3 years)

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Jandernoa, 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

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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2024;

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 – New Paradigm College Prep (formerly Detroit Edison Public School Academy Chadsey/Condon), Detroit (5 years)

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Jandernoa, 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 New Paradigm College Prep (formerly Detroit Edison Public School Academy Chadsey/Condon), (the “Academy”); and

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has issued a contract to New Paradigm College Prep (“Academy”) and has authorized the Academy to operate Kindergarten through Eighth grades (K-8th); and

WHEREAS, the Academy requests the Board of Trustees approve the addition of Ninth through Twelfth grades (9-12th) for 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 five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2021, 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 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 Ninth through Twelfth grades (9-12th) for the Academy.

Site Addition and Name Change– Michigan Preparatory Virtual School

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees issued a contract to Michigan Preparatory Virtual School (“Academy”) and has authorized the Academy to operate grades Kindergarten through Twelfth (K-12th) as a Statewide Cyber Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Academy desires a physical location to provide additional support to students and families; and

WHEREAS, the Academy requests the Board of Trustees to approve a site addition for Michigan Preparatory Virtual School beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year; and

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

WHEREAS, the Academy requests a name change to PrepNet Virtual Academy;

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:

3834 52nd Street SE
Kentwood, MI 49512

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 approves the Academy's name change to PrepNet Virtual Academy.

Site Addition – The Greenspire School

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees issued a contract to The Greenspire School ("Academy") and has authorized the Academy to operate grades Kindergarten through Twelfth (K-12th) at 1026 Red Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684; and

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

WHEREAS, the Academy requests the Board of Trustees to approve a site addition for The Greenspire School beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year to accommodate its Ninth through Twelfth (9-12th) grades; and

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:

2020 Dendrinis Drive
Traverse City, MI 49684

Approval of New 6a, 6e, and 6c Charter Contracts

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

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley State University Charter School Office recommends to the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees (“Board of Trustees”) that it replace the 6a, 6e, and 6c Contracts to Charter a Public School Academy previously approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the 6a, 6e, and 6c Contracts to Charter a Public School Academy as presented at this meeting.

Appointment of Charter School Board of Directors

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Jandernoa, 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

21-2-9 (9) 2021-2022 Auxiliary Operating Budgets

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2021-2022 Auxiliary Operating Budgets as presented at this meeting.

C) Other Reports

21-2-10 (10) Development Division Report

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees gratefully accepts cash gifts of \$8,712,564.01 to the University presented at this meeting for January 1, 2021, through March 31, 2021.

21-2-11 (11) Student Senate Report

21-2-12 (12) University Academic Senate Report

IV. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.21-2-13 (13) President's Report

President Mantella reiterated her five priorities for Grand Valley's future and focused the report on equity and racial justice and the call for equity in education. Last summer, President Mantella issued a 15-point charge for racial equity and inclusion and this priority is being shaped through Grand Valley's Reach Higher 2025 strategy development. Select faculty and staff provided an update about their work to date. Presenters were: Jesse Bernal, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Inclusion and Equity; Jen Drake, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Keri Becker, Director of Athletics; Shawn Bultsma, Vice Chair of University Academic Senate; and Alisha Davis, Assistant Chair and Allied Health Sciences Program Director.

21-2-14 (14) Motion to Adjourn

RESOLVED, on motion by Trustee Emmitt and second by Trustee Cardenas, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Megan S. Rydecki, Chair
Board of Trustees

Matthew E. McLogan, Secretary
Board of Trustees