

Michigan Educational Choice Center
Board Meeting Special Minutes
5:30PM EST | March 20th, 2024
Trix Academy
20045 Joann Ave., Detroit, MI 48205

I. The meeting was called to order by the board chair at 5:46 PM on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024.

A. ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mr. Darnell Boynton	X	
Ms. Monifa Gray	X	
Ms. Nicole Guillebeaux		X
Mr. Alvin Lockett	X	
Ms. Maria Montoya	X	
Ms. Angianina Rodriguez		X
Mr. Lester Thomas		X

B. Nick Zilz introduced guests, Mr. Luke and Mr. Cory.

C. Darnell Boynton made a motion to amend the agenda and move the Research Update and Scholar Presentation (item IV) to after Public Comment. Maria Montoya supported the motion to amend the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Darnell Boynton made a motion to approve the February 21st, 2024 board meeting minutes as presented and Alvin Lockett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. **Public Comment** - None

III. **Academics and Educational Program**

Principal Kionna Williams introduced the 8th Grade Black Joy Collective who presented their presentation on their upcoming podcast.

Principal Williams presented the principal and academic board report and provided an update on enrollment, staffing, attendance initiatives, academic priorities, instructional focus areas, attendance data, facility updates, and recent events.

IV. **Finances**

Carlo Hershberger presented an overview of the financial report detailing the income statement, cash balances, accounts payable balances, days cash, and enrollment.

Maria Montoya made a motion to approve the finance report. Seconded by Darnell Boynton. The motion passed unanimously.

V. **Committee Reports** - Trustee Boynton provided an update on the finance committee.

Trustee Montoya provided an update on the academics, culture, and governance committee.

Their meetings will begin on 4/8.

VI. Old Business – None

VII. New Business

A. Approval of Scholar Podcast

Darnell Boynton made a motion to approve the scholar podcast research and to find additional funding. Alvin Lockett supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Boiler and Furnace Replacement

Maria Montoya made a motion to approve the boiler and furnace replacement (Option 2). Alvin Lockett supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Authorizer's Report

Mr. Trout provided the authorizer's update and informed the new board members of the upcoming new board member orientation. Mr. Trout also provided information on upcoming CMU events and conferences, and reviewing the school board handbook.

IX. Extended Public Comment – None

X. Adjournment

Darnell Boynton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Alvin Lockett supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at the Academy, at the Academy Address listed above within 8 business days for proposed minutes and within 5 business days of approval for approved minutes.

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