APPROVED

# Flex High School of Michigan

# Minutes

## Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Thursday July 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

**Location**
In person: 4945 Clio Road, Flint, MI 48504

Virtual via Microsoft Teams: https://llac.io/FHSMI
Meeting ID: 222 782 891 591
Passcode: L3Df6BZ2

**Mission Statement:** Flex High School of Michigan recovers students who have dropped out or are in danger of dropping out of high school. We enroll students into a resource center, mentor, teach, and prepare them for graduation and college and career readiness.

**Directors Present**
D. Lepine, M. Bruzewski, M. Clark, T. Hughes, W. Brown

**Directors Absent**
*None*

**Guests Present**
A. Holmes, A. Izzo, A. Magdaleno (remote), A. Miller (remote), C. Merante, D. Petropulos (remote), H. Ruiz (remote), K. Welsh (remote), T. Cherry

### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Clark called a meeting of the board of directors of Flex High School of Michigan to order on Thursday Jul 17, 2025 at 6:03 PM.

### B. Record Board Member Attendance

### C. Introduction of Attendees

## II. Approval of Agenda

### A. Approval of Agenda

W. Brown made a motion to amend and approve the agenda for the July 17, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Flex High School of Michigan by adding item 4b, Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes.
M. Bruzewski seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

### A. Prior Meeting Minutes

W. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 06-10-25.
T. Hughes seconded the motion.
It was recommended that the Board of Directors adopt, as presented, and approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Flex High School of Michigan.
The following action was taken to approve the Minutes as written.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### B. Budget Hearing Minutes

M. Bruzewski made a motion to approve the minutes from Budget Hearing on 06-10-25.
D. Lepine seconded the motion.
It was recommended that the Board of Directors adopt, as presented, and approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025, Budget Hearing Meeting of the Board of Directors of Flex High School of Michigan.
The following action was taken to approve the Minutes as written.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## IV. Reports

### A. School Leader

Ms. Izzo shared on the staff returned from a two-week summer break, followed by professional development this week. The summer session for students begins on Monday. The Gus Macker event, the largest event in Flint, is scheduled for July 26th and 27th. Staffing is nearly complete. The SE position at the Flint Campus remains open, but a great

long-term sub is in place for Science at Burton. The school is looking to bring on another CTE teacher, with Business Education being preferred, to avoid burning out the current Culinary Arts teacher who holds those certifications. Applications for new CTE programs will begin the official application process in the next couple of weeks.
The Culinary Arts program successfully hosted the senior lunch, with underclassmen participating in service and event setup.
Ms. Izzo also shared on professional development days with her staff and Current enrollment stands at 273 students, with a temporary dip due to the summer. Enrollment orientations will resume in August, with a spike expected in August and September, boosted by exposure from the Gus Macker event.
Ms. Izzo mentioned that she attended the National Charter School Conference in Orlando, Florida, where two students from Flint/Burton and one from Pontiac shared their stories. She also shared the CTE program, launched mid-year, has seen significant student achievement: 9 students earned credit in CNA, 9 in Business Ed, and 21 in Culinary Arts.

**B. Education Service Provider (ESP)**

Mr. Miller mentioned the ongoing pupil accounting audit appeal hearing with the MDE went well and that our team was knowledgeable and prepared on law and procedure. He also shared that the students' stories helped the members understand the situations of the families we serve. We will be submitting a follow up brief. While Mr. Miller doesn't expect a full return claim of all of the money MDE is attempting to claw back, it is anticipated that a large percentage of the claim will be returned. The timeline for resolution is anticipated to be several months.
Mr. Holmes shared highlights from the National Charter School Conference, including a panel presentation with Michigan school leaders and students. He also shared on the upcoming 25th anniversary events planned for LLAC.

**C. Finance**

Mr. Cherry shared on the financials dashboard as of May 31, 2025, and that the audit will take place first week of September.

**D. Committee Updates, as needed**

Academic Excellence- Ms. Lepine shared that she met with Dr. Gibson and reported that CTE teacher Mr. Diem attended a CTE workshop at LLAC.

Finance- Mr. Clark stated he met with Mr. Welsh and went over the financials covered in the Financial report.

Governance- Ms. Brown shared the Governance committee did not meet due to an unexpected absence. She did add the board retreat scheduling poll will be resent to find a suitable date.

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### Authorizer Updates

Mr. Merante gave an update on registering for the CMU conference and reception. He also mentioned charter school funding remains uncertain, with no published budget for education yet. There is an ongoing discrepancy in funding between charter and traditional public schools.

## V. New Business

### A. Renomination of Molly Bruzewski

D. Lepine made a motion to to approve the Renomination of Molly Bruzewski.
M. Bruzewski seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### B. Spring 2025 Board Policies

After a brief discussion, the action was taken to table the Spring 2025 Board Policies until the August 12th board meeting.

### C. Commercial Policies Renewal

T. Hughes made a motion to authorize Mr. Clark to negotiate and approve insurance coverage up to a maximum of $20,000.
W. Brown seconded the motion.
Ms. Magdaleno explained the current insurance carrier is unwilling to renew coverage due to the school's armed guard exposure and will non-renew all lines of business. She also mentioned alternative quotes are being looked at from three different brokers, and it may be necessary to split coverage among multiple carriers.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### D. Approval of Expenditures

W. Brown made a motion to approve the expenditure of $32.80 for meeting snacks payable to Molly Bruzewski.
D. Lepine seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Next Board Meeting Date

Next Board Meeting Date: August 12, 2025, at 6:00p

### B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Holmes