APPROVED

Flex High School of Michigan

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday May 12, 2026 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 (remote), W. Brown

Directors Absent
T. Hughes

Guests Present
A. Gibson (remote), A. Holmes, A. Izzo, A. Miller (remote), Adam Blaylock (remote), C. Gray (remote), C. Merante, D. Petropulos (remote), Grace Bautista (remote), Guita Sharifi (remote), Jessica Visser (remote), K. Welsh (remote), S. Nakon, T. Cherry, V. Chase (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Call the Meeting to Order

M. Bruzewski called a meeting of the board of directors of Flex High School of Michigan to order on Tuesday May 12, 2026 at 6:01 PM.

B. Record Board Member Attendance

C. Introduction of Attendees

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

W. Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
D. Lepine seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Student Hearing

A. Student Incident 20252026-1

W. Brown made a motion to accept the recommendation of expulsion.
D. Lepine seconded the motion.
The board discussed the incident and Principal Izzo provided answers to the board's questions.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Lepine	Aye
M. Bruzewski	Aye
M. Clark	Absent
W. Brown	Aye
T. Hughes	Absent

IV. Public Comment

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

There were no public comments.

V. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

A. Prior Meeting Minutes

W. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 04-14-26.
M. Bruzewski seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Reports

A. Finance

Mr. Cherry reported that the organization is approximately 75% through the fiscal year, with full state aid received this month. He noted that a final budget amendment and the proposed 2026–27 budget will be presented next month. Audit preparation is currently underway; however, the audit will not begin until the close of the fiscal year.

B. School Leader

- Principal Izzo reviewed key upcoming school dates, including NWEA testing, the Senior Luncheon, and Graduation.
- She noted that staffing decisions are currently on hold until the new year; however, recruitment efforts have begun with the posting of two open positions.
- Staff participated in a range of professional development opportunities, including sessions with the Michigan College Access Network, NWEA, and the 61V Michigan CTE Expansion Grant.
- Several enrollment and community engagement events are scheduled, including two enrollment events this week with up to 14 prospective students, Senior Luncheons, the Women’s Wellness Expo, and the Gus Macker Tournament.
- Two recent graduates presented at the Bold By Choice Summit, sharing their experiences at Flex High and how the school supported their success after graduation.
- Attendance and enrollment data were reviewed, and the team is actively working to improve outcomes by reconnecting with disengaged and disenrolled students. A temporary decline in attendance was noted due to state testing, which was anticipated.
- Course and module completion rates were also impacted by state testing, as expected during this period.
- Staff continue to foster a positive school culture by promoting collaboration and mutual support. Notably, staff came together to assist a Burton student by replacing a broken bicycle used for transportation to school.
- Scholarship opportunities are available for seniors and recent graduates, including a scholarship opportunity recently shared by Ms. Lepine.

C. Education Service Provider (ESP)

- Ms. Chase shared that LLAC sponsored the Bold By Choice Summit, which included an opportunity for President Skip Hansen to contribute the history of the organization to the National Charter School Institute’s Founder’s Library. A group from LLAC also participated in the event and supported the student speakers from the school. She also shared a brief video of the student's presentations from the

event. The board was moved by the two speakers and impressed by their resilience.

- Mr. Blaylock shared that there are updates on legal matters, including a favorable appeal regarding the 2024-25 matter. There is no current timeline for the 2023-24 matter.

W. Brown made a motion to for the Board to meet in closed session under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to review records subject to the attorney-client privilege, which are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act.
D. Lepine seconded the motion.
The board entered closed session at 6:41pm
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

W. Brown	Aye
M. Clark	Absent
M. Bruzewski	Aye
T. Hughes	Absent
D. Lepine	Aye

M. Bruzewski made a motion to end the closed session and return to open session.
D. Lepine seconded the motion.
the board reconvened to open session at 7:22pm. No action was taken in closed session.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Hughes	Absent
D. Lepine	Aye
M. Bruzewski	Aye
W. Brown	Aye
M. Clark	Absent

D. Committee Updates, as needed

Academic

- Ms. Lepine shared that state testing and NWEA assessments are on schedule.
- She also shared that the state denied the Culinary CTE class, but the team was reviewing feedback and planning on reapplying next year when available. Principal Izzo provided additional details, including that the staff is reviewing opportunities to rent a commercial kitchen for the course, possible ways for course scheduling to meet the expected hour requirements, and alternative curriculum.
- Ms. Brown commented that the school continues to face barriers from the outside, but the Board, Administration, and ESP are resilient and will continue to support our students.

Finance

- Ms. Brown shared that the committee met and reviewed the financials with Mr. Cherry. Mr. Cherry will also be providing additional financial details requested by the committee members.

Governance

- Ms. Bruzewski shared that the committee met briefly and reviewed and discussed the board correspondence and contract amendment sent by The Center.

E. Authorizer Updates

- Mr. Merante shared that the annual Center for Charter Schools conference is scheduled for August 19, with a reception the night before. He also noted that there is an opportunity to nominate the Teacher and School Leader of the year.
- He noted that the water filtration verification is due the end of the year (which the school has already completed) and that new requirements will be in place for the new school year, which he will share more details on when available.
- Mr. Merante also will share information to the board members and school leader regarding crafting their "elevator speech" and how to use it while being an ambassador for the school.

VII. Board Correspondence

A. Term Extension Correspondence

Mr. Holmes shared that the board received correspondence from The Center regarding the contract amendment, including its term extension and noted the contract amendment is available under Section VIII. New Business Item A.

VIII. New Business

A. Contract Amendment No. 7

M. Bruzewski made a motion to approve the CMU Amendment extending the charter for 1 year through June 30, 2027 and have it signed by the Board President on Flex High School of Michigan’s behalf.
D. Lepine seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

W. Brown	Aye
D. Lepine	Aye
M. Bruzewski	Aye
T. Hughes	Absent
M. Clark	Absent

B.

Approval of Expenditures

W. Brown made a motion to approve the reimbursement amount of $23.21 to Molly Bruzewski for refreshments for the board meeting.
D. Lepine seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IX. Closing Items

A. Next Board Meeting Date/Time and Location

B. Adjourn Meeting

W. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.
D. Lepine seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Holmes