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International Academy  
of Flint

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## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Monday January 25, 2021 at 5:30 PM

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#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91204719198?pwd=bkduSkU4V2hLVk9rSW5DWGFJRTZCUT09>

Meeting ID: 912 0471 9198

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#### Directors Present

D. Thompson (remote), F. Booker (remote), J. Houck (remote), J. Kelley (remote), J. Sopczynski (remote), M. Childress (remote), Y. Speights-Beaugard (remote)

#### Directors Absent

*None*

#### Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

J. Kelley

#### Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

J. Kelley

#### Guests Present

A. Wesley (remote), B. Gesaman (remote), C. Pinkelman (remote), C. Seiple-Cole (remote), C. Shoemaker (remote), D. Yarbrough (remote), G. Meihn (remote), J. Carrasco (remote), J. Donald (remote), K. Downs (remote), L. Hammons (remote), M. Brown (remote), M. Fortelka (remote), R. Meek (remote), S. Bower (remote), T. Cormier (remote), T. Jones (remote), V. Pileggi (remote)

## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Thompson called a meeting of the board of directors of International Academy of Flint to order on Monday Jan 25, 2021 at 5:32 PM.

### B. Record Attendance and Guests

D. Thompson attending remote due to COVID from Flint, Genesee County, MI.  
Y. Speights-Beaugard attending remote due to COVID from Flint, Genesee County, MI.  
J. Sopczynski attending remote due to COVID from Flint, Genesee County, MI.  
F. Booker attending remote due to COVID from Flint, Genesee County, MI.  
M. Childress attending remote due to COVID from Ann Arbor, Shiawasee County, MI.  
J. Houck attending remote due to COVID from Grand Blanc, Genesee County, MI.

### C. Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest

### D. Approval of Agenda

F. Booker made a motion to approve the agenda.  
J. Houck seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| F. Booker            | Aye    |
| Y. Speights-Beaugard | Aye    |
| J. Houck             | Aye    |
| J. Kelley            | Absent |
| M. Childress         | Aye    |
| D. Thompson          | Aye    |
| J. Sopczynski        | Aye    |

### E. Academic Update

Yeo & Yeo presented a check to the Youthquest organization. The award was established through an internal employee donation. The Flint Community Education team including Jonique Donald and Carlen Shoemaker accepted the award.

J. Kelley arrived.

T. Cormier presented an update to the board:

- IAF Academic Dashboard review with comparisons of academic performance averages Term 1 20-21 as compared to 19-20
- Education Service Provider Report review

- Summer program initiatives to support students
- Request for board committee to support student attendance matters

#### **F. EpiCenter Update**

C. Pinkelman reported 100% on time submissions for the 2020-21 school year.

### **II. Public Comment**

#### **A. Public Comment**

No public comment

### **III. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Approval of December 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

F. Booker made a motion to approve the consent agenda, accept reports, and to approve the minutes from Remote Board Meeting on 12-21-20.

J. Sopczynski seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### **Roll Call**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Y. Speights-Beaugard | Aye |
| J. Houck             | Aye |
| J. Sopczynski        | Aye |
| F. Booker            | Aye |
| D. Thompson          | Aye |
| J. Kelley            | Aye |
| M. Childress         | Aye |

#### **B. Accept Reports**

#### **C. Receive Correspondence**

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Monthly Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Actions**

The Board publicly announced the 2-way interactions, solicited public comment, and confirmed no changes to the Academy's delivery of instruction.

J. Sopczynski made a motion to approve the monthly ECLP Resolution.

J. Houck seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| J. Kelley            | Aye |
| Y. Speights-Beaugard | Aye |
| J. Houck             | Aye |
| F. Booker            | Aye |
| M. Childress         | Aye |
| D. Thompson          | Aye |
| J. Sopczynski        | Aye |

**B. Budget vs Actual**

Information only

**C. Ratify Disbursements & Transfers**

J. Sopczynski made a motion to ratify the disbursements and transfers.

Y. Speights-Beaugard seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| J. Sopczynski        | Aye |
| D. Thompson          | Aye |
| J. Houck             | Aye |
| M. Childress         | Aye |
| J. Kelley            | Aye |
| F. Booker            | Aye |
| Y. Speights-Beaugard | Aye |

**D. Legal Update**

J. Houck made a motion to approve CS Partners to provide an extension of emergency paid sick leave to employees through March 31, 2021.

J. Sopczynski seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| D. Thompson          | Aye |
| F. Booker            | Aye |
| M. Childress         | Aye |
| Y. Speights-Beaugard | Aye |
| J. Kelley            | Aye |
| J. Houck             | Aye |
| J. Sopczynski        | Aye |

J. Kelley left.

J. Sopczynski made a motion to create a Bond Committee and to appoint committee chair to C. Pinkelman, and members J. Sopczynski, G. Meihn, J. Urban, R. Meek.

J. Houck seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| F. Booker            | Aye    |
| J. Kelley            | Absent |
| J. Sopczynski        | Aye    |
| J. Houck             | Aye    |
| D. Thompson          | Aye    |
| Y. Speights-Beaugard | Aye    |
| M. Childress         | Aye    |

J. Sopczynski made a motion to approve legal counsel to move forward to obtain an engagement letter from the underwriter Truist to begin the refinance process.

J. Houck seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| D. Thompson          | Aye    |
| F. Booker            | Aye    |
| Y. Speights-Beaugard | Aye    |
| J. Houck             | Aye    |
| M. Childress         | Aye    |
| J. Sopczynski        | Aye    |
| J. Kelley            | Absent |

**E. CMU-Bill Gesaman**

B. Gesaman reviewed the expectations for board members and held a discussion based on what the board is doing well and areas of improvement. The board responded that overall attendance is very strong and that the degree of committee member involvement could increase.

In honor of school board recognition month, B. Gesaman congratulated the board on their commitment to IAF.

**V. Other Business**

**A. Announcement of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 22, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**A. Finance/Facility Committee**

**B. Academic Performance Committee**

**C. Culture Committee**

#### **D. Governance Committee**

J. Sopczynski made a motion to appoint the Governance Committee to make recommendations to the board in regards to the Governor's March 1 in person learning goal, and learning options for the 2021-22 school year.

J. Houck seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### **Roll Call**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Y. Speights-Beaugard | Aye    |
| J. Houck             | Aye    |
| F. Booker            | Aye    |
| J. Sopczynski        | Aye    |
| M. Childress         | Aye    |
| J. Kelley            | Absent |
| D. Thompson          | Aye    |

#### **VII. Closing Items**

##### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Y. Speights-Beaugard