



WASHINGTON-PARKS ACADEMY

A Cornerstone School

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Location: 11685 Appleton, Redford Charter Twp, MI 48239

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2025

1:00 pm

1) BUSINESS ROUTINE

a) Call to Order (President)

The meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m.

b) Board of Directors Roll Call

Present: John George, Steve Londo, Marcia Kreger

Absent: None

Attendees: Grant Heugel, Director of Operations; Elizabeth Noa Carrion, Compliance Director; Clint McDaniel, GVSU Representative; Doug Zloto, Chief Operating Officer; John Kava, Legal Counsel (arrived at 1:08 pm); Christina Gaines, K-5 Principal; T Clark Durant, Chief of Staff (virtual); Maggie Durant, Chief Strategy Officer (virtual); Joe Valentic, Chief Financial officer; Clark Durant, Chief Executive Officer; Barton Kreger

c) Adoption of Agenda

George moved. Kreger seconded. All approved.

d) Pledge of Allegiance

Board and attendees said the pledge of allegiance.

e) Sharing of Gratitude

Board and attendees expressed their gratitude's.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to agenda items)

There was no public comment.

3) PRESENTATIONS

- a)** Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, such as written opinion of legal counsel subject to attorney-client privilege.

Closed Session:

At 1:17 p.m., a motion was made by Londo, supported by George and seconded by Kreger, to enter closed session for the purpose of pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, such as written opinion of legal counsel subject to attorney-client privilege.

Roll Call Vote:

Kreger - Yes, Londo - Yes, George – Yes

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 1:18 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 3:06 p.m.

Action after closed session:

Motion to resolve as follows:

1. The Board reaffirms its commitment to its students, families, faculty, and staff and has no intent to close the Academy.
2. The Board Authorizes the Board President to submit a letter to Interim Superintendent Sue Carnell that agrees with the letter sent to Dr. Rice by State Senator Mary Cavanagh and State Representative Stephanie Young and which demands that MDE accept the Academy's Fiscal Year 2024 audited financial statements and immediately release all state aid funds owed to the Academy.
3. The Board authorizes the Board President to send a letter to GVSU to thank GVSU for its continued support and to request that GVSU advocate for the Academy with MDE for the acceptance of the FY 2024 audited financial statements and the release of state aid funds owed to the Academy.
4. The Board further resolves to have CEG provide the letter submitted to Sue Carnell to GVSU and for CEG to continue to explore all funding options as CEG continues to provide financial data to GVSU in the normal course of business pursuant to the Charter Contract and Management Agreement.

4) BOARD POLICY WORK

a) Board Meeting Dates for 2025-2026: All on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

1. October 21, 2025
2. January 13, 2026
3. March 17, 2026
4. May 19, 2026
5. June 23, 2026

5) ACTION ITEMS

None

6) CONSENT ITEMS

None

7) AUTHORIZER COMMENTS – McDaniel

Authorizer comments will be shared at the October 21st meeting. It was shared that WPA has made significant improvement in Epicenter compliance, it is currently at 95%.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Next Meeting: October 21, 2025

9) PUBLIC COMMENT (related to non-agenda items)

There was no public comment.

10) MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:13 p.m. by Londo. George moved, Kreger seconded. The above minutes were duly adopted on 10/21/25 by the Cornerstone Washington-Parks Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed meeting held at which a quorum was present.

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