

**SPECIAL MEETING
EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AUTHORITY**

 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

 X **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Date: January 11, 2013
Time: 7:30 A.M.
Location: Education Achievement Authority of Michigan
3022 West Grand Boulevard
Cadillac Place, Conference Room L-150
Detroit, Michigan 48202

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Goss at 7:30 a.m. Chairperson Goss reminded the Board and the public that this meeting was a Special Call Meeting.

I. Roll Call

Chairperson Goss asked Tyrone Winfrey to call the roll of the Board of Directors.

Carol Goss, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roy Roberts, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Duggan, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Jordan, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Jann Joseph, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Morris*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mark Murray*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
William Pickard*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Shirley Stancato*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

A quorum of the EAA Board of Directors was determined. *Members Morris, Murray, Stancato and Pickard were present via conference call.

Chairperson Goss asked Tyrone Winfrey to call the roll of the Executive Committee Members.

Executive Committee Attendance:

Roy Roberts, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Duggan, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Morris*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mark Murray*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
William Pickard*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

A quorum of the EAA Executive Committee was determined. *Members Morris, Murray and Pickard were present via conference call.

II. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Goss asked whether there were any suggested changes to the joint meeting agenda. Chairperson Goss then asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Member Duggan
Support: Member Roberts
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

III. Chancellor Updates

Chairperson Goss asked Chancellor Covington to present his overview of the Chancellor Updates. Chancellor Covington gave a brief overview of his updates and stated that a full overview would be given at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2013. Chancellor Covington discussed how well things were going with the current placement and leveling of students enrolled in EAA schools. He also stated that there were very little challenges in this area. However, Henry Ford High School was closed at the time due to a power outage in that geographical area.

Chairperson Goss thanked Dr. Covington for his overview and asked the Board if there were any questions. Member Duggan asked Dr. Covington about an overview of technology in reference to computer accessibility and wanted to know how things were going so far. Dr. Covington gave an overview and discussed the AT&T Pipeline along with Adel Haddad, EAA's Chief Technology Officer which was not going so well. Member Duggan asked if he thought the problem with the Pipeline would be solved. Dr. Covington discussed the approach of children having to use computers on a rotational basis.

Chairperson Goss asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Member Morris asked about a possible approach to ask either Microsoft or Dell for additional help. Mr. Haddad stated that HP was asked and has agreed to provide additional computers.

IV. Old Business

Chairperson Roberts asked for a motion to approve the EAA Board meeting minutes from the November 8, 2012 Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee EAA Meeting.

Motion: Member Roberts
Support: Member Duggan
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

IV. New Business

a) Executive Committee Discussion and Action Items on Finance

- i. Proposed Request for Advance of a State Aid Payment**
- ii. ACTION ITEMS:
2013-01: Approval of Request for an Advance of a State Aid Payment**

Chairperson Goss announced the Executive Committee's Discussion and Action Items on Finance and asked for only the Executive Board approval at this time. However, she welcomed questions from all of the Board Members.

Chairperson Goss asked Dr. Covington to give an overview of this Action Item on Finance. Dr. Covington gave an overview of the State Aid Payment and announced Dr. Rebecca Lee-Gwin, EAA's Deputy Chancellor, Business/Fiscal Affairs and Operations. Dr. Lee-Gwin gave an overview of this State advance which is a 30 Day advance for Operating Expenses for the February 2012 Allocation.

Member Duggan asked what the current revenue was and why EAA needed this advance. Dr. Lee-Gwin discussed delayed funds coming into the EAA. Dr. Covington also reviewed this funding concern as well. Member Duggan also wanted to know the actual foundation fees that were current. Dr. Covington stated that currently it was around 1 to 2 Million.

Member Morris discussed the common practice of making quarterly reports to every EAA Board Meeting. Member Morris also asked to have a copy of this information in enough time to review before the EAA Board Meetings. He also stated that they should be mailed or emailed ahead of time. Dr. Covington agreed. Dr. Lee-Gwin stated that Quarterly Financials will be submitted to all Board Members within enough time for review.

Member Murray asked about the likelihood of approval of this advance. Dr. Lee-Gwin and Dr. Covington discussed that the State was very aware of this advance and that the approval should be very likely. Member Murray asked when the financials would be back on track. He also asked if there would be a need to ask for another allowance. Dr. Covington discussed efficiency and understood all concerns. His hope is that this would be the last request for an advance. Member Morris asked about EAA's current financial status which Dr. Lee-Gwin and Dr. Covington reviewed.

Member Morris asked if the current level of computer support was due to EAA's finances and was concerned about it moving forward. Dr. Covington reviewed the start-up of a Data Warehouse for a better approach.

Member Murray asked about educational plan concerns in reference to revenue. Dr. Covington reviewed revenue concerns thus far. Member Duggan asked when EAA would catch up. Dr. Covington discussed the philanthropic groups that were currently being worked with in reference to revenue.

Member Duggan asked about the status of EAA's "ZEEK" data system. He wanted to know when it would be up and running. Member Morris asked about the EAA student head count in reference to cash flow. Dr. Covington discussed this financial concern being due to a 24.7 million dollar grant application that was tallied down to 6 million because of a clause in the educational policy. Member Morris asked if the State's Congregation had been contacted in reference to this concern. Member Roberts discussed the process of applying for this grant. Member Duggan asked if this was a 1 year term.

Chairperson Goss discussed additional funding from philanthropic areas to help with the process. Member Morris asked if the Governor was aware of these financial challenges. Chairperson Goss stated that the Governor was very much aware and also stated that we should have a full overview of the status of this financial challenge at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Member Morris discussed issues to resolve these concerns as well as the concerns of the computers and possibly contacting Compuware for support.

Chairperson Goss asked if there were any more questions. Member Morris was still concerned about EAA's funding. Dr. Covington responded with the hopefulness of resolving this concern. Member Goss suggested the discussion on options with reference to raising philanthropic and other funding at the next meeting. Member Morris asked if he could have a thorough financial overview within a week. Chairperson Goss responded yes.

Member Morris discussed the success of EAA's educational side. However, he did have concerns with the finances which need to be corrected.

Member Duggan discussed the outcome of a few concerned Principals and EAA's learning process. Dr. Covington discussed the status of the Town Hall meeting with Governor Snyder.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Wayne Bernard was concerned about EAA's after school program and wanted to know who was in charge of them. He also had questions about the Detroit Parent Network's process with EAA and stated that the main focus of this program should be based on reading and learning. He also had a concern with wheelchair ramps at EAA schools.

Ms. Marie Thornton discussed EAA's previously held Town Hall Meeting with Governor Snyder. She requested folders that were passed out at this event. Mr. Tyrone Winfrey provided them to her. Ms. Thornton was also concerned with the financials and wanted a thorough overview as she stated that she

would like to add this information to her website. She also states that this system was a failing system and citizens of Detroit need to know what's really going on with the EAA.

Ms. Helen Moore represented the Journey for Justice. She gave an overview of her group and also discussed that her group would be heading to Washington, D.C. to give an overview of the failing school systems within the state of Michigan.

VII. Adjournment

Chairperson Goss asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Member Roberts
Support: Member Duggan
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

Chairperson Goss adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Secretary / Recording Secretary

Date

Approved by the Authority Board,

Secretary / Recording Secretary

Date