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## MICHIGAN EDUCATION TRUST MINUTES

The Michigan Education Trust Board held a regular meeting on May 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lake Superior Room, Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing, Michigan.

Treasurer Rachael Eubanks called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m..

### Members Present:

Treasurer Rachael Eubanks  
Mr. Peter Provenzano  
Dr. Richard Pappas Arrived at 2:26pm  
Mrs. Maddy Day  
Mr. Anrew Meisner  
Dr. Calvin Cupidore

### Members Not Present:

Mr. Robert Bowman  
Ms. Marlin Williams

### I. Approval of Minutes of Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Meeting

Treasurer Eubanks presented the minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting to the Board for approval. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

### II. Public Comment

None

### III. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Diane Brewer gave a summary of the Executive Director's report noting that for the 2025 enrollment period as of April 27, 2025, MET sold 171 contracts, up 16%. At April 30, 2024, there were 76 contracts sold, representing \$1,679,231.64 in prepaid tuition. The total contracts sold include additional contributions made to Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) contracts representing \$1,338,532.13 in prepaid tuition.

Ms. Brewer reported that the Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP) had 6,691 new accounts for a total of 324,700 accounts (up 3.5% YOY) representing \$8,478,036 in assets (up 5.8%). An average account size is \$26,529.

Ms. Brewer reported that as of March 31, 2025, MI 529 Advisor Plan (MAP) had 1,325 new accounts for a total of 58,598 accounts (up 3.2% YOY) representing \$1,267,587 in assets (up 8.3%). An average account size is \$21,632.

#### IV. Financial Issues

##### A. Presentation by Krasimir Yankov and Lan Chen, Bureau of Investments

Ms. Lan Chen provided an investment report as of March 31, 2025, discussing the recent market performance, annual returns and intra-year declines, and fixed income and equities valuations.

Mr. Krasimir Yankov provided an investment report as of March 31, 2025 stating that the MET I's market value was \$103.2 million as of March 31, 2025. He stated that MET I is closed to new contract receipts; correspondingly, assets decline as tuition obligations are met. MET I's estimated income and dividends over the next twelve months is \$4.3 million. The MET I portfolio returned 4.0% for the one-year period ending December 31, 2024 and is 356.6% funded.

Mr. Yankov also provided an investment report as of March 31, 2025 for MET II. MET II's market value of \$1,040.9 billion as of March 31, 2025. He stated that the MET II portfolio is expected to earn investment income of approximately \$28.9 million over the next 12 months. The MET II portfolio returned 9.7% for the one-year period ending December 31, 2024 and is 171.2% funded.

##### B. Presentation by Mr. James Sparks of GRS

Mr. James Sparks of GRS presented an actuarial refresher stating the background and terminology, the control cycle, and the primary risk factors that the actuary provides for the Michigan Education Trust program.

Mr. Sparks presented on the final results of the September 30, 2024 actuarial soundness valuation. He stated that MET I actuarial surplus increased from \$57.8 million to \$74.2 million and is 356.6% funded. The surplus increased due to lower increases in tuition and fees than the assumed rate of 4.50% and a change in the discount rate from 3.65% to 5.30%. MET II actuarial surplus increased from \$334.8 million to a surplus of \$440.9 million and is 171.2% funded. Surplus increased due to lower increases in tuition and fees than the assumed rate of 4.5% as well as changes in assumptions. Surplus also increased due to higher-than-expected market value returns.

#### V. Policy and Program Issues

##### A. Administrative Rules Change- Resolution 2025-1

Ms. Brewer presented Resolution 2025-1 for Administrative Rules Change.

Ms. Brewer recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2025-1. Dr. Pappas motioned to approve Resolution 2025-1 and was supported by Dr. Cupidore. The resolution was approved unanimously by a roll call vote (6-0).

B. Dr. Philomena Mantella Appreciation- Resolution 2025-2

Ms. Brewer presented Resolution 2025-2 for Dr. Philomena Mantella Appreciation.

Ms. Brewer recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2025-2. Mr. Andrew Meisner motioned to approve Resolution 2025-2 and was supported by Mrs. Maddy Day. The resolution was approved unanimously by a roll call vote (6-0).

C. Dr. Charles Lepper Appreciation- Resolution 2025-3

Ms. Brewer presented Resolution 2025-3 for Dr. Charles Lepper Appreciation.

Ms. Brewer recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2025-3. Dr. Cupidore motioned to approve Resolution 2025-3 and was supported by Mrs. Day. The resolution was approved unanimously by a roll call vote (6-0).

VI. Marketing and Public Relations

A. Presentation by Ms. Molly Day and Dave Patton of GUD Marketing

Ms. Molly Day reviewed the goals for Fiscal Year 2025 of increasing accessibility to a broader audience and increasing new users visiting the MET website. Ms. Day stated that both goals are higher than predicted goals as of March 2025.

Mr. Dave Patton presented on what GUD Marketing has been doing since the November 2024 Board meeting. Mr. Patton stated that in January, Gud did a message testing campaign, February kicked off the \$25 initial contribution change, and in April, they introduced the new face of MET-Minerva. Mr. Patton also presented on what is ahead for May-September 2025.

Treasurer Eubanks suggested adjournment of the May 7, 2025 MET Board Meeting. Mr. Meisner made a motion to adjourn the May 7, 2025 MET Board Meeting, supported by Mr. Provenzano. The meeting adjourned at 2.55 p.m.

Minutes were approved on:

August 6, 2025

Michael Eubanks

Chairman

Diane Brewer

Executive Director