

Uplift Michigan Online School
Board of Education Re-Organizational Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 26th, 2025
5:00 p.m. Eastern Time

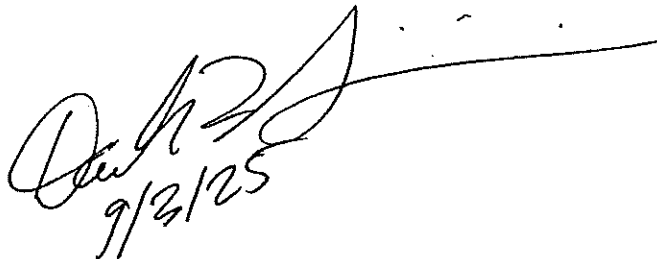
Location:
Northview High School
4451 Hunsberger Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

1. Board meeting called to order by Betsy Webbert at 5:10 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. Board Members Present in-person: Betsy Webbert, Soraida Cunningham, Danielle Sirianni, Brian Wood
 - ii. Board Members Call-in:
 - iii. Call-in: Ashley Shehow, Lori LaMontagne, Brandy Pavlik, Elizabeth Chandler
 - iv. In-Person: Jon DeCou, Erin Pielin, Tim Wood, Travis Gostinger
 - v. Board Members Absent:
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Statement of Purpose
4. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Change: item 12
 - b. Motion to adopt the agenda by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members - aye, motion carried
5. Nominate a Temporary Chairperson- President Webbert
 - a. Nomination of Tim Wood to be appointed temporary chairperson by Soraida Cunningham, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members- aye, motion carried
6. Election of Officers: Appointment of Temporary Chair (Tim Wood)
 - a. President- Nomination of Betsy Webbert to be Uplift Michigan Board President
 - b. VP- Nomination of Danielle Sirianni to be Uplift Michigan Board Vice President
 - c. Secretary- Nomination of Danielle Sirianni to be Uplift Michigan Board Secretary
 - i. Motion to approve nominations from Temporary Chair (Tim Wood) by Betsy Webbert, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
7. Public Comment
 - a. None
8. Approval of a Consent Agenda following discussion on individual resolutions items 8.5 to 21
 - a. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members-aye, motion carried
- 8.5 Resolution Indicating the Board will Comply with all Laws, Rules, and Regulations
9. Resolution setting date, time, and place of regular board meetings and location of official posting
10. Resolution Continuing the Designation of Depositories for Various Funds and Signatures for Various Funds / Accounts
11. Resolution to Bond Board Treasurer and Others as Designated by the Board



12. Resolution Reappointing Legal Counsel-
 - a. Change to Mark Clark from Traverse Legal as new legal counsel
13. Resolution Reappointing Auditors
14. Resolution Reappointing designated AHERA contact- Tonya Lowry
15. Resolution Designating the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Sexual Harassment, Title VI, Title IX, and the Section 504 contacts- Tonya Lowry
16. Resolution Designating Chief Administrative Officer- Travis Gostinger
17. Resolution Designating Compliance Officer- Tonya Lowry
18. Resolution Designating School Safety Liaison- Tonya Lowry
19. Approval of Minutes
20. Financial Reports
 - a. Presented by Lori LaMontagne
21. Approval of Resolution of State Aid Note pending Authorizer Approval
 - a. table
22. Conclude Consent Agenda
 - a. Motion to conclude the consent agenda by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members - aye, motion carried
 - b. Motion to approve items 8.5-20 via consent agenda by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried
23. Management update
 - a. Approval of the NCSI Policies
 - i. Motion to approve the NCSI policies by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried
 - b. Approval of the Time Back AI Curriculum- still exploring
 - i. Motion to approve the exploration of Time Back AI Curriculum by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried
 - c. Approval of the Board Meeting Calendar
 - i. Looking into a possible location change of board meetings
 - ii. Motion to approve the Board Meeting Calendar by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried
24. Leadership Update- Updates from: Secondary Principal Jon DeCou, Elementary Principal Dayna Lundberg, Special Education Director Erin Pielin
 - a. Jon DeCou- Secondary Principal
 - i. Graduation
 - ii. Student satisfaction
 - iii. Secondary summer school is happening now- Credit recovery only (135 students enrolled currently)
 - iv. EOY field trips
 - v. Student growth data- High growth overall at the secondary level
 - vi. Nextstep program
 - b. Dayna Lundberg- Elementary Principal
 - i. Summer school program
 - ii. The grades 4-6 departmentalized last school year were able to group students for intervention
 - iii. Higher growth for both Math and Reading for Elementary students
 - iv. Positive communication for every student
 - v. 95% of kids have average two-way communication
 - vi. PTC conference participation increased this year as well, to 97%
 - c. Erin Pielin

- i. Staffing challenges- lack of qualified applicants, brought in 2 previous Uplift staff members as substitutes
 - ii. Currently, over 30% of the student population receives special education supports.
 - iii. COC program
 - iv. A paraprofessional for the COC program was added to the staff
 - v. Compliance and audits 246/246 timely IEPs this year
 - vi. Next year, we will have at least 1 social worker hired to start the year, working on hiring 2 new SpED teachers to replace subs from this year.
25. Approval of Attendance and FTE Policies
a. Motion to approve the Attendance and FTE Policies by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Betsy Webbert, all members- aye, motion carried
26. Approval of the 2025/2026 School Year Calendar
a. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 SY Calendar by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Brian Wood, all members- aye, motion carried
27. Approval of Alternative Ed, Secondary, and Elementary Handbooks
a. Motion to approve the Alternative Ed, Secondary, and Elementary Handbooks by Brian Wood, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried
28. Approval of Course Offerings
a. Motion to approve the Course offerings by Soraida Cunningham, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members- aye, motion carried
29. Approval of Graduation Requirements
a. Motion to approve the Graduation requirements by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried
30. Approval of the 2024-2025 Budget Amendment
a. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Amendment by Brian Wood, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members- aye, motion carried
31. Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget
a. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Budget by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried
32. Introduction of Elizabeth (Beth) Chandler
a. Acting as director of Charter Schools through at least December to Jerry Sardina (Superintendent of Stephenson Area Public Schools)
33. Recognition of Soraida Cunningham
34. Adjournment
a. Motion to adjourn at 6:26 pm by Soraida Cunningham, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members - aye, motion carried


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