

**PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES OF DETROIT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Public School Academies of Detroit Board of Directors

Meeting Date and time: Thursday, November 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Zoom Conference Call

Minutes Approved: December 17, 2020

A. Call to Order at 6:01 p.m. and Roll Call

Mr. Aristeo called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Directors present: Joseph Aristeo  
Edward Parks  
Keith Cooley  
John Cleary  
Kyle Chandler  
Marvin Franklin  
Donald Tuski  
Denise Lewis  
Roger Williams

Directors excused  
and absent: Karen Obsniuk

Others present:	Danielle Jackson	Brooke Franklin
	Peter Webster	Alex Gui
	Sonya Giles	Sarah Laird
	Curtis Lewis	DJ Cherif
	Staci L. Williams	

Statement made by Joe Aristeo regarding the electronic nature of the meeting:

As you are all aware, Public Act 228 of 2020 temporarily suspends the rules and procedures relating to physical presence at meetings and hearings of public bodies and other governmental entities in Michigan. This applies to our board meetings.

This PSAD board meeting is being held electronically, via telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a way in which both the public and the PSAD board are participating by electronic means. The video conferencing permits two-way communication so the PSAD board members can hear and be heard by other members and so public participants can hear members of the PSAD board and other participants during the public comment period.

As in the past, all are welcome and PSAD will not require a person as a condition of participating in this electronic meeting to register or otherwise provide his or her name, other than necessary to permit the person to participate in public comment. Public guests participating in a PSAD electronic board meeting may be excluded from participation in a closed session if the closed session is convened and held in compliance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act (“OMA”).

Any member of the public body participating remotely must publicly announce, at the outset of the meeting, that he or she is participating remotely. If the announcing member's remote participation is for any reason other than military duty, the member must announce his or her physical location by stating the county, city, township, or village and state from which he or she is attending the meeting remotely. The member's public announcement will be included in the meeting minutes.

As always, PSAD board members must avoid using email, texting, instant messaging, and other such electronic forms of communication to make a decision or deliberate toward a decision, and must avoid “round-the-horn” decision-making in a manner not accessible to the public at an open meeting. Our compliance with Public Act 228 of 2020 and the rest of the OMA, will enable us to continue the work of the PSAD board and mission, and make the necessary decisions to protect the education of the PSAD students during this COVID-19 pandemic.

B. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Upon motion of: Lewis

Seconded by: Parks

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the agenda as presented.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Upon motion of: Lewis

Seconded by: Parks

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Minutes from the October 27, 2020 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

C. Board Member Business

None.

D. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Student Engagement Data and Data Meetings Summary

Alex Gui, DJ Cherif, and Curtis Lewis presented the Student Engagement Data and Data Meetings Report. The report covered the following topics and related data:

Attendance  
Schoolology Submissions  
Communications  
K-12 Data Meetings, reflections and Feedback  
Future Areas of Focus

b. Joe Aristeo explained the need for reaffirming the Extended COVID 19 Learning Plans for all schools. A discussion was held regarding the Learning Plans, the GVSU requirements and the various Board actions needed periodically in the future.

Upon motion of: Tuski

Seconded by: Cooley

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the UPA Extended COVID 19 Learning Plan and authorized signature of the Plan and corresponding Resolution, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Upon motion of: Parks

Seconded by: Cleary

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the UPSM Extended COVID 19 Learning Plan and authorized signature of the Plan and corresponding Resolution, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Upon motion of: Tuski

Seconded by: Cooley

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the revised UPAD Extended COVID 19 Learning Plan and authorized signature of the Plan and corresponding Resolution, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

c. Reaffirmation of Preparedness Plan

Joe Aristeo explained the requirements of the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. A discussion was held regarding the Resolution needed for each school and the proposed Resolution was presented.

Upon motion of: Tuski

Seconded by: Parks

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the UPA, UPSM, and UPAD Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plans, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

d. Memorandum of Understanding

Joe Aristeo explained the Memorandum of Understanding respecting background checks.

Upon motion of: Tuski

Seconded by: Parks

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding dated October 27, 2020 respecting background checks and authorized the Board President or his designee to sign the memorandum.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

E. Public Comment: None.

F. Adjournment:

Upon motion of: Tuski

Seconded by: Williams

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Next meeting date:

**Board Meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Conference call**

Minutes prepared by:

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Minutes Approved by:

*Joe Aristeo*  
Joseph Aristeo, Board President

Date 12-17-2020 .

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