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**HANLEY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Hamtramck, Michigan 48212
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Hanley International Academy, in partnership with home and community, will provide a safe learning environment that promotes the academic, physical, social, and emotional development of our diverse learning community.

**Annual Organizational Board Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2025
7:10 A.M.**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

J. Leib	Present
R. Kaufman	Present
S. Szczesny	Present
R. Brooks	Present
L. Alfasi	Present

Visitors: Chaffaye Carter, former board member; Steve Paddock, Superintendent; Jenna McGregor, Principal; Brian Dunn, Assistant Principal; Samantha Fowke, Assistant Principal; Crystal Champagne, Recording Secretary; Bill Bertakis, Skilled Trades; Brooke Franklin, GSVU Representative

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Member Kaufman, supported by Member Szczesny

Yes: 5 No: 0

Call to the Public

The meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not considered a public community meeting. Those that may wish to address the Board on agenda items only may do so at this time by being recognized by the chair. There will be a second Call to the Public near the end of the agenda where interested parties may address the Board on any items of their choice. Those that request to address the Board have a maximum of three minutes in which to speak.

Consent Items

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2025 scheduled was made by Member Alfasih, supported by Member Leib

Yes: 5 No: 0

Motion to approve the May, 2025 Board Treasurer's Report was made by Member Brooks and supported by Member Szczesny

Yes: 5 No: 0

Select Temporary

Motion to accept Member Alfasih as the Temporary Chairperson made by Member Leib, supported by Member Kaufman

Yes: 5 No: 0

Election of Officers

Motion to nominate Member Kaufman as President of the Hanley International Academy Board of Directors was made by Member Leib, supported by Member Szczesny

Yes: 5 No: 0

Motion for the President to assume the chairmanship and nominate Member Brooks as Vice-President of the Hanley International Academy Board of Directors made by Member Leib, supported by Member Kaufman

Yes: 5 No: 0

Motion to nominate Member Alfasih as Secretary of the Hanley International Academy Board of Directors was made by Member Leib, supported by Member Kaufman

Yes: 5 No: 0

Motion to nominate Member Szczesny as Treasurer of the Hanley International Academy Board of Directors was made by Member Leib, supported by Member Kaufman

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Resolution Designating
Depositories for Various
Funds and Signatures**

Motion designating PNC Bank as the depository of school funds and that all members will be signatures on the account was made by Member Kaufman and supported by Member Szczesny.

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Resolution Designating
Electronic Transfer
Officer (ETO)**

Motion to designate Board President, Vice President, Treasurer as the Academy's Electronic Transfer Officer was made by Member Kaufman, supported by Member Alfasih.

Yes: 5 No: 0

Resolution Designating FOIA

Motion to name **Steve Paddock, Superintendent**, the coordinator of the Office of Civil Rights, Title VI, Title IX and as the Freedom of Information Act, Sexual Harassment was made by Member Szczesny supported by Member Alfasih

Yes: 5 No: 0

Motion to name the **Brian Dunn, Assistant Principal**, as the Section 504 contact person was made by Member Kaufman, supported by Member Brooks

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Resolution Designating
Legal Counsel**

Motion to appoint **Dickinson-Wright** as the Board's legal counsel was made by Member Szczesny, supported by Member Brooks

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Resolution Designating
The Board's audit Firm**

Motion that the Board appoint **CBIZ** as the auditing firm was made by Member Szczesny, supported by Member Brooks

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Resolution to Bond
Board Treasurer**

Motion to bond Board Treasurer and Board President was made by Member Leib, supported by Member Brooks

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Resolution to Appoint the
Academy's Chief
Administrative Officer**

Motion to designate **Rick Kaufman** as the Academy's Chief Administrative Officer was made by Member Brooks, supported by Member Szczesney

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Resolution Designating
AHERA contact**

Motion to designate **Greg Lathrop, TRG President**, as the Academy's AHERA contact was made by Member Brooks, supported by Member Szczesney

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Resolution Indicating the
Board will Comply with all
Rules, Laws and Regulations**

Motion that Hanley International Academy authorized pursuant to the charter application submitted to Grand Valley State University will comply with the provisions of Part 6a of the Michigan Code and subject to the provisions

of Part 6a will comply with all other state laws, rules and regulations applicable to public bodies and with federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to public bodies or school districts was made by Member Leib, supported by Member Brooks

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Board Correspondence
Agent Resolution**

Motion that the **Steve Paddock, Superintendent**, is hereby designated as the Academy's board correspondence to assure dissemination of notices to the person or persons responsible. All communications should be directed to the school address made by Member Szczesny, supported by Member Alfasih

Yes: 5 No: 0

Local Newspaper

Motion that the **Hamtramck Review** is hereby designated as the Academy's local newspaper for the purpose of posting legal notices was made by Member Brooks, supported by Member Alfasih

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Homeless Children
And Foster Care Liaison**

Motion that **Alba Manjarres, School Social Worker**, is hereby designated as the Academy's local liaison for the Homeless children and youth as authorized under Title VII-B was made by Member Alfasih, supported by Member Szczesny

Yes: 5 No: 0

GVSU Rep. Report

Brooke Franklin, GVSU Representative

- Grants available for \$2,000 for security assessments
- GVSU celebrating 30 years as an authorizer
- GVSU offering innovative grants
- Enrollment of charter schools' students up 16%

ESP Provider's Report

The Romine Group – Superintendent, Steve Paddock

- Enrollment strong with strong waitlist of 97+ students
- Graduation went great – thanks to Member Brooks/Member Leib
- New Principal – Samantha Fowke
- Pledge of Allegiance in schools update

Discussion Items

Update from Bill Bertakis – Skilled Trades

Action Items

Motion to approve the Budget Proposal 2025-2026 was made by Member Szczesny, supported by Member Brooks

Yes: 5 No: 0

Motion to Approve Board Calendar was made by Member Alfasih supported by Member Brooks

Yes: 5 No: 0

Motion to accept Supplemental Academic Grant was made by Member Brooks, supported by Member Szczesny

Yes: 5 No: 0

**Board Committee
Reports/Board
Individual Comments**

Board Members will have an opportunity to present any committee reports or make personal comments of their choice.

Call to the Public

Interested parties may address the Board on any items of their choice. Those that request to address the Board have a maximum of three minutes in

**Announcement/
Upcoming Events**


The next Regular Board of Director's meeting at Hanley International Academy will be held on **Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:54 a.m. was made by Member Rick Kaufman and supported by Member Loay Alfasih.

Yes: 5 No: 0

Approved:



Steve Paddock, Superintendent

These meetings of the Board of Directors are in public for the purpose of conducting the school's business and are not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during each meeting as indicated in the agenda.

Upon request to the academy office, the academy shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability to be able to participate in this meeting.