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B O A R D O F T R U S T E E S

April 23, 2026

Central Michigan University Board of Trustees
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
April 23, 2026

Chair Denise Williams Mallett called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:37 a.m. in the President's Conference Room located in the Bovee University Center.

Members present: Dr. Denise Williams Mallett, chair; Mr. Todd J. Regis, vice chair; Mr. Edward J. Plawecki, vice chair; Ms. Regine C. Beauboeuf; Ms. Sharon L. Heath; Dr. Ashok Kondur; Mr. David R. McGhee; and Mr. Jeff Stoutenburg.

Also attending in person: Dr. Neil MacKinnon, president; Ms. Jennifer Cotter, vice president of advancement; Mr. John Danner, vice president of legal affairs/general counsel; Ms. Jennifer DeHaemers, vice president/student recruitment and retention; Ms. Mary Jane Flanagan, secretary to the Board of Trustees; Ms. Mary Moran Hill, vice president/finance and administrative services; and Dr. Paula Lancaster, provost/executive vice president.

CHAIR COMMENTS:

Chair Denise Williams Mallett opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement to honor and recognize the Anishinaabe people.

The Board Chair also acknowledged the continued dedication of the board and our university leadership. Across the past several months, the board has engaged in thoughtful dialogue, made important progress and remained focused on strengthening the university for the future. The board's work is not defined by any single perspective, but by the collective commitment to accountability, innovation and the long-term success of our students and institution.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS:

Student Aims Coston addressed the board regarding a personal situation that occurred on campus and called for more support for mental health services.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

President MacKinnon provided a report.

Chair Mallett thanked President MacKinnon and commented that she and her board colleagues share his pride in our graduates and that the president's remarks are also a powerful reminder that higher education – the opportunity to earn a degree – is an investment that continues to matter. All of us around this table have experienced the value of that investment, and we know our graduates will carry those benefits forward into their lives and communities.

At a time when there are broader questions about the value of a college degree, I believe that here at Central Michigan University, the answer is clear. It is a resounding yes, that it matters. As a Board, we remain committed to ensuring that degree attainment is not only accessible and affordable, but truly impactful – for our students, alumni and the communities they go out and serve every day.

I also want to acknowledge the work around the CMU Change Roadmap. As a Board, we asked for a clear and actionable path forward—one that translates vision into meaningful, sustained progress. The roadmap you've developed, in partnership with the University Transformation Office, reflects that intention. It provides that thoughtful framework to guide the institution through the complexity of change while keeping us aligned with our mission and a university-first culture.

I look forward to continuing this work in partnership with this board, with President MacKinnon, and with the faculty, staff, and students who bring our mission to life each day.

EMERITUS RANK: CONSENT AGENDA

Elizabeth W. Alm

WHEREAS, Dr. Elizabeth Alm has served since 1996 in the Department of Biology as a scholar, teacher, colleague and friend; and

WHEREAS, She has taught an exceptional depth and breadth of microbiology courses for undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Biology, and has served as a research mentor to our students, thereby guiding our graduates to become leaders in science and life; and

WHEREAS, She has distinguished herself through service to the department and university, serving as a leader in the field of microbiology and expanding it to new heights during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, She has contributed actively to the professional and scholarly life of the department by investigating how microorganisms influence human health; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Elizabeth W. Alm for her contributions to Central Michigan University and extends professor emerita rank effective August 16, 2026.

Lorraine S. Berak

WHEREAS, Lorraine Berak has served in the Department of Teacher and Special Education since 1989, and she has devoted over 64 academic semesters to supervising student teachers and teaching seminar courses for more than 1,500 future CMU educators; and

WHEREAS, She directed the Northern Michigan University and CMU Elementary Education Program in Traverse City though CMU Innovation and Online, and she founded the Immokalee Student Teaching Program in Immokalee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, She has provided distinguished service in leadership roles within the department through the Leadership Team, Coordinating Council, and Personnel Committee, as well as through countless university and college-level committees in support of education preparation; and

WHEREAS, She has contributed significantly to the scholarly and professional life of the department and university through fifteen publications, five large-scale grants, the development of two educational materials, and led more than 30 state and national professional development presentations; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Lorraine S. Berak for her many contributions to Central Michigan University and extends professor emerita rank effective August 16, 2026.

Troy D. Bongard

WHEREAS, Troy Bongard has provided distinguished service to Central Michigan University since 1999, totaling more than 26 years as an associate network manager and network engineer; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed to meeting both the institutional needs and the educational mission of Central Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, He has played a key role in integrating and expanding multiple disparate physical security systems into a single, comprehensive, and centrally managed system to enhance the safety of the campus community; and

WHEREAS, He has helped implement multiple generations of wired and wireless network technology in support of the university's operations on the main campus and at remote sites; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Troy D. Bongard for his contributions to Central Michigan University and extends staff emeritus rank effective August 1, 2026.

John F. Bunch

WHEREAS, John Bunch has served as a faculty member for 10 years in the Department of Management at Central Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, He has been an important human resources faculty member, contributing significantly to the department through his willingness to assist with departmental activities, his service on various committees, and his provision of clear and insightful opinions; and

WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself through his approachable demeanor, love of music, and enjoyment of engaging in conversations with colleagues and visitors in the office, fostering a collegial and supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed actively to the professional life of the department and the education of students in human resources and management; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to John F. Bunch for his contributions to Central Michigan University and extends lecturer emeritus rank effective August 16, 2026.

Kelly R. Bunker

WHEREAS, Kelly R. Bunker has served Central Michigan University in University Advancement since 2001 in the roles of Prospect Research Analyst and Prospect Research Strategist; and

WHEREAS, She helped lead the charge to establish CMU's Donor Prospect Research team, and more recently, played a key role on the implementation team for Advancement's new alumni and donor CRM data system; and

WHEREAS, She has provided critical strategic intelligence, insightful analysis, and unwavering ethical standards in identifying, researching, and tracking potential donors, which has helped yield unprecedented growth in private annual gift support to CMU; and

WHEREAS, She was recognized by CMU with the 2004 Staff Excellence Award and has enthusiastically and meticulously mentored newer research staff, strengthened collaborative relationships with development officers, and enhanced institutional data integrity; and

WHEREAS, She is a proud alumna of CMU and a philanthropic champion, who has consecutively supported our students through multiple scholarships, the Student Food Pantry, and Finish Up Chips for more than 25 years; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Kelly R. Bunker for her contributions to Central Michigan University and extends emerita rank.

Gary Fuller

WHEREAS, Gary Fuller served as a faculty member in Central Michigan University's Philosophy program, contributing to the intellectual and cultural life of the university and community from his hiring in 1980 until his passing in 2026; and

WHEREAS, He possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of philosophy, was equally at home with its great historical figures and with cutting-edge work in the field, and read avidly in the sciences and humanities as well; and

WHEREAS, He was a model of intellectual humility, embodying the Socratic idea that true wisdom comes from acknowledging the limits of one's own understanding; and
WHEREAS, He helped countless students become more thoughtful, discerning, and willing to ask difficult questions and think creatively about how to answer them; and

WHEREAS, He endowed the annual Fuller Award to recognize and encourage students majoring in philosophy; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Gary Fuller for his contributions to Central Michigan University and extends professor emeritus rank.

John J. Gordon

WHEREAS, John Gordon has served since 2012 as the manager of the Central Michigan Biological Station; and

WHEREAS, He has welcomed thousands of faculty, staff, students, researchers, and families, ensuring that their research, courses, or other purpose at the station were successful; and

WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself through his service to the faculty, staff, and students at the Biological Station, as well as to members of the nonacademic community on Beaver Island; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed actively to the professional, research, and academic life of the Biological Station, overseeing responsibilities ranging from building relationships with island residents and donors to hosting large international conferences attended by researchers from around the world; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to John J. Gordon for his contributions to Central Michigan University and extends emeritus rank.

Mitchell K. Hall

WHEREAS, Mitchell Hall has honorably served as a faculty member at Central Michigan University for more than 37 years, first in the Department of History and subsequently in the Department of History, World Languages, and Cultures; and

WHEREAS, He was honored as the 2024-2025 recipient of the President's Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity, reflecting the high regard of his colleagues and the university community; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed actively to the professional and scholarly life of the department by authoring eight books, including *Because of Their Faith: CALCAV and Religious Opposition to the Vietnam War, The Vietnam War, Crossroads: American Popular Culture and the Vietnam Generation, The Emergence of Rock and Roll: The Rise of American Youth Culture,* and *Waging Peace: A History of the Vietnam Antiwar Movement*; and

WHEREAS, He has further contributed through numerous journal articles, essays, and encyclopedia entries focused on the Vietnam War, American peace movements, and the cultural history of modern America, earning national and international recognition; and

WHEREAS, He has demonstrated exceptional dedication to teaching and mentoring generations of students, while also serving in numerous leadership roles, including Director of Graduate Studies, Department Chair, Interim Associate Dean, and Interim Museum Studies Program Director; and
WHEREAS, His professional service as Executive Editor of the journal *Peace & Change*, Book Review Editor of the *Michigan Historical Review,* and as President of the Peace History Society has advanced peace history and brought distinction to the university; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Mitchell K. Hall for his contributions to Central Michigan University and extends professor emeritus rank effective August 16, 2026.

Donald S. Kohtz

WHEREAS, Donald Kohtz has served since 2016 in the Foundational Sciences Discipline with the Covenant HealthCare College of Medicine at Central Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, He has taught a wide and exceptional range of Pathology courses, thereby helping meet and surpass the educational needs and research experiences of medical students served by the Covenant HealthCare College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself through service to the discipline, college and university by serving as a member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, and by leading the Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology program as well as the College's Bylaws Committee; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed actively to the professional and scholarly life of the College by maintaining an active and inclusive medical research laboratory, securing external funding, and authoring collaborative and independent peer-reviewed research publications; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Donald S. Kohtz for his contributions to Central Michigan University and extends professor emeritus rank effective July 1, 2026.

William E. Leibfritz

WHEREAS, William Leibfritz has served Central Michigan University since 1990 in the Department of Teacher and Special Education, where he is fondly known by CMU students as “Dr. Bill”; and

WHEREAS, He has taught elementary mathematics education coursework for the Department’s educator preparation programs and, from his beginnings as an upper elementary and middle school teacher to his long career preparing the next generation of educators, has demonstrated that teaching is a core professional passion; and

WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself through service to his department by contributing to the Personnel Committee and Coordinating Council, serving in key leadership positions that supported his colleagues and the success of departmental programs, and has further served his college and university through critical committee roles across his tenure at Central Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, He has designed and led over 100 professional development opportunities for educators within Michigan and across the country as part of his scholarly endeavors, and is a published scholar in the fields of elementary mathematics education and teacher education; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to William E. Leibfritz for his many contributions to Central Michigan University and extends professor emeritus rank effective August 16, 2026.

Edward E. McKee

WHEREAS, Edward McKee has served since 2011 in the Foundational Sciences Discipline in the Covenant HealthCare College of Medicine at Central Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, He has taught an exceptional depth and breadth of a very large number of basic medical science topics within the pre-clerkship curriculum as a Professor of Biochemistry and Genetics, helping meet and surpass the educational needs of students served by the college; and

WHEREAS, He has been recognized for his outstanding teaching with multiple accolades, including Excellence in Teaching Awards and the Spirit of Teaching Award; and

WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself through service to the discipline, college, and university by serving as the Founding Chair of the Foundational Sciences Discipline, Founding Senior Associate Dean for Research, and Interim Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Administration while providing medical education for students and mentorship for junior faculty; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed actively to the professional and scholarly life of the college by maintaining an active and inclusive medical research laboratory, securing external funding, and authoring collaborative and independent peer-reviewed research publications; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Edward E. McKee for his contributions to Central Michigan University and extends professor emeritus rank effective July 1, 2026.

Denise A. Sharrar

WHEREAS, Denise Sharrar has provided more than 38 years of distinguished service to Central Michigan University, beginning her career as a student employee in Telecommunications and culminating in her retirement as the Manager of Telecom Operations in the Office of Information Technology within the President's Division; and

WHEREAS, She helped build and maintain the communications and technology infrastructure that supports Central Michigan University, including significant installation and wiring work across campus facilities such as the Bovee University Center and Grawn, Warriner, and Sloan Halls; and

WHEREAS, She served in critical technical and operational roles, including repair and locate work, infrastructure installation across multiple communications media, and leadership of essential campus services such as pager and radio programs; and

WHEREAS, She distinguished herself through effective collaboration with internal university teams and vendors, and played an instrumental role in supporting building projects, technology orders, and service continuity during urgent operational disruptions, including the relocation of staff technology following the Rowe Hall fire in 1998; and

WHEREAS, She contributed significantly to the university as a leader of the installation and repair team through high-quality service, mentorship of student employees, and a workplace culture marked by pride, teamwork, and care for others; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Denise A. Sharrar for her contributions to Central Michigan University and extends emerita rank.

Michael F. Steffke

WHEREAS, Michael Steffke has provided more than fifteen years of dedicated service to Central Michigan University in the Office of Information Technology; and

WHEREAS, His extraordinary efforts and dedication over the years have contributed to the well-being of the Office of Information Technology and the university community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, He has continuously demonstrated, through his work, the university's core values of integrity, respect, compassion, inclusiveness, excellence and innovation for Central Michigan University faculty, staff, students, and visitors; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Michael F. Steffke for his contributions to Central Michigan University and extends emeritus rank effective July 1, 2026.

Mark D. Strandskov

WHEREAS, Mark Strandskov has provided distinguished service to Central Michigan University for more than 36 years, beginning as a student employee in Computer Services, and joining CMU full time in 1995 within Information Technology, serving in various roles until his retirement as Associate Director of Network; and

WHEREAS, He helped guide Central Michigan University through multiple generations of network and communications technology, supporting the transition from early campus data systems to today's modern wired and wireless infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, He played a foundational role in building and expanding CMU's campus network, shaping the reliable technology infrastructure that supports teaching, learning, research and university operations across the institution; and

WHEREAS, He provided key leadership in high-speed network connectivity to both on-campus and off-campus locations, including CMU's uniquely challenging Beaver Island operations; and

WHEREAS, He consistently championed network reliability and resiliency, including strategic collaboration with Merit and engagement with professional peers across the state to strengthen CMU's connectivity and service continuity; and

WHEREAS, His vision and leadership guided MCONET and ICONET network solutions in support of the communities served by Central Michigan University; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Mark D. Strandskov for his contributions to Central Michigan University and extends emeritus rank.

Rosemarie Ward

WHEREAS, Rosemarie "Rose" Ward has served Central Michigan University as a faculty member in the Department of Teacher and Special Education since 2011; and

WHEREAS, She has taught five different courses during her tenure at CMU, supporting the preparation of future educators in early childhood and elementary settings, with particularly emphasis in reading and literacy; and

WHEREAS, She brought to the university 28 years of prior experience in public education, during which she supported countless children, their families, and Michigan communities, and at CMU has contributed extensively through service on committees and events that advance the work of the department both internally and within the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, She received widespread recognition for her exemplary dedication to students when a moment captured during her teaching – comforting an infant while continuing her instruction – was widely disseminated on social media, receiving tens of thousands of views and inspiring praise from current and former students, alumni, and colleagues, and serving as a visible testament to the quality of CMU's educational programs; this moment was of such significance that it was formally shared during a meeting of the CMU Board of Trustees; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Rosemarie Ward for her many contributions to Central Michigan University and extends lecturer emerita rank effective August 16, 2026.

Joanna M. Cowan White

WHEREAS, Joanna Cowan White has served since 1987 as professor of flute in the School of Music; and

WHEREAS, She has taught hundreds of flute performance and music education students who have achieved high standards in their respective careers; and

WHEREAS, She has taught more than one thousand music education majors how to play the flute; and

WHEREAS, She has served the university by organizing countless master classes, guest artist performances and lectures, flute festivals, and service projects for the School of Music; and

WHEREAS, She has earned a national and international reputation as a flute performer and pedagogue; and

WHEREAS, She has worked with the Crescent Duo, which has led to the premiere recording of literature for flute and clarinet, and her other recorded literature with this group and the Powers Woodwind Quintet has been widely acclaimed; and

WHEREAS, She has worked with many university and nationally recognized composers in commissioning and performing many works for flute in a chamber music setting; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Joanna M. Cowan White for her contributions to Central Michigan University and extends professor emerita rank effective August 16, 2026.

Glen Williams

WHEREAS, Glen Williams has served Central Michigan University since 1988 as a faculty member in the Department of Physics, contributing to both teaching and research; and

WHEREAS, He has taught courses in introductory and intermediate astronomy and physics, and graduate-level astrophysics, nurturing the interest of CMU students in astronomy and astrophysics, and

WHEREAS, He has contributed to the university through his service activities and to the broader community by continuous engagement in outreach events such as CMU and You Day, Grandparents U, and open house nights at the Brooks Hall Observatory, and

WHEREAS, He has maintained an active research program in astrophysics, and supervised master's and undergraduate theses; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Glen Williams for his contributions to Central Michigan University and extends professor emeritus rank effective August 16, 2026.

Sandra M. Wilson

WHEREAS, Sandra Wilson has served Central Michigan University with distinction since 1986, contributing her expertise to multiple offices, including Accounting, Finance, Admissions, Parking Services, and Student Employment, before becoming the Business Officer and Executive Office

Professional in the newly established College of Communication and Fine Arts, now the College of the Arts and Media; and

WHEREAS, She has provided steady guidance to faculty, administrators, and staff in advancing the mission of the college and upholding the Leadership Standards of Central Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, She has distinguished herself through exceptional service to faculty, staff, students, and members of the broader university community; and

WHEREAS, She has served alongside eight deans of the College of the Arts and Media, supporting their leadership and contributing to the development of a vibrant, creative, and scholarly community; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Sandra M. Wilson for her contributions to Central Michigan University and extends emerita rank.

Mingyuan Zhang

WHEREAS, Mingyuan "Ming" Zhang has served Central Michigan University since 2002 in the Department of Teacher and Special Education; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed to the development and growth of the Doctor of Educational Technology program, serving as a primary contributor in designing and teaching core doctoral courses in research methodology, instructional design, data-driven decision-making, and emerging technologies, and has supported this program as it has evolved into a rigorous and respected doctoral program; and

WHEREAS, He has provided exceptional mentoring and service as a dissertation chair and dissertation committee member for more than three dozen doctoral students, guiding them through proposal development, research design, data analysis, and successful defense; and

WHEREAS, He has strengthened the program's scholarly reputation by co-authoring approximately thirty peer-reviewed journal articles with his doctoral students, and has further advanced the College of Education and Human Services and Central Michigan University by serving as a principal investigator or co-investigator on multiple federally funded Title II grants from the Michigan Department of Education focused on improving teacher quality; Now be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to Mingyuan Zhang for his many contributions to Central Michigan University and extends professor emeritus rank effective August 16, 2026.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Heath provided an overview of items discussed during yesterday's committee meeting.

PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES SPRING 2026: CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, That the list of prospective graduates for Spring (March and May) 2026, as certified by the registrar and accepted by the academic senate, is approved.

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Spring 2026: Graduates by Degree (prospective)	March 2026 Conferral	May 2026 Conferral	March & May Conferrals combined
BACHELOR'S DEGREES			
Bachelor of Applied Arts	1	201	202
Bachelor of Arts	1	22	23
Bachelor of Fine Arts		39	39
Bachelor of Music		6	6
Bachelor of Music Education		8	8
Bachelor of Science	17	581	598
Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training		10	10
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration		254	254
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering		8	8
Bachelor of Science in Education		150	150
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering		9	9
Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology		22	22
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering		2	2
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering		24	24
Bachelor of Science in Nursing		10	10
Bachelor of Social Work		28	28
TOTAL BACHELOR'S DEGREES	**19**	**1374**	**1393**
MASTER'S DEGREES			
Master of Arts	37	221	258
Master of Business Administration	16	102	118
Master of Entrepreneurial Ventures			
Master of Health Administration	1		1
Master of Music			
Master of Public Administration		7	7
Master of Public Health	1	15	16
Master of Science	3	260	263
Master of Science in Administration		77	77
Master of Science in Athletic Training		12	12
TOTAL MASTER'S DEGREES	**58**	**694**	**752**
SPECIALIST'S DEGREES			
Specialist in Education	2	10	12
Specialist in Psychological Services		1	1
TOTAL SPECIALIST'S DEGREES	**2**	**11**	**13**
DOCTORAL DEGREES			
Doctor of Audiology		14	14
Doctor of Education		10	10
Doctor of Educational Technology		7	7
Doctor of Health Administration	2	1	3
Doctor of Medicine	1	101	102
Doctor of Philosophy	1	5	6
Doctor of Physical Therapy		54	54
TOTAL DOCTORAL DEGREES	**4**	**192**	**196**
GRADUATE CERTIFICATES			
TOTAL GRADUATE CERTIFICATES	**8**	**6**	**14**
UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES			
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES	**3**	**97**	**100**
TOTAL PROSPECTIVE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE	**94**	**2374**	**2468**

HONORARY DEGREES MAY 2026: CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the awarding of honorary degrees at the May 2026 commencement ceremonies to:

Edna H. Parker	Doctor of Public Service
Darren L. Werner	Doctor of Public Service
Nancy Brown	Doctor of Public Service
Marita Hattem-Schiffman	Doctor of Public Service

FACULTY PERSONNEL: CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, That faculty tenure is approved as submitted.

Tenure Effective upon hire:

Weiqing Ge, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Physical Therapy

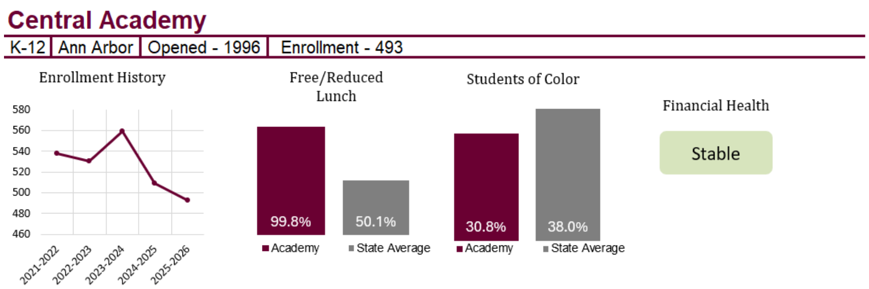
PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY CHANGES: CONSENT AGENDA

Project Description:

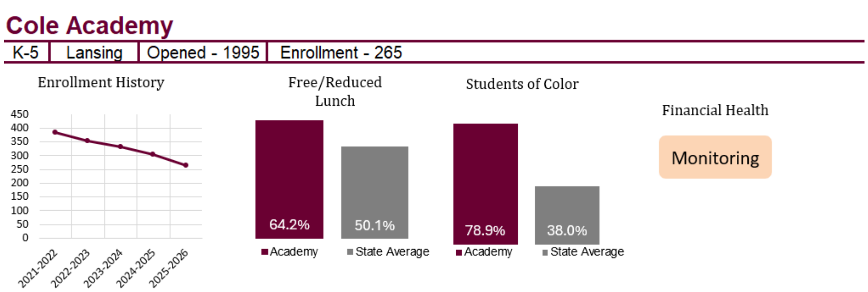
The Board of Trustees must approve changes in members of boards of directors of public school academies, changes in members of boards of directors of schools of excellence, and reauthorization of public school academies. Approval of the proposed resolutions which appear for committee review will be requested as part of the consent agenda.

Changes in Members of Boards of Directors of Public School Academies

Please find below background information on the public school academies that have board member resolutions for consideration



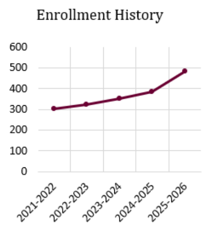
Through a mission grounded in an appreciation of cultures, the school provides a quality educational option. They have been recognized in the past for being the top open-enrollment high school in Michigan for graduates enrolling in college within six months of leaving high school. They serve a student population that is 55% English Language Learners.

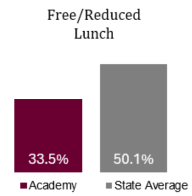


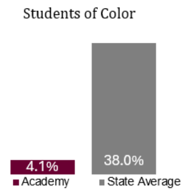
Their mission is to provide a challenging learning environment with high expectations. The school expanded to a second site and was the recipient of a Charter Schools Program competitive grant through the state to support the expansion.

Copper Island Academy

K-8 | Calumet | Opened - 2021 | Enrollment - 484







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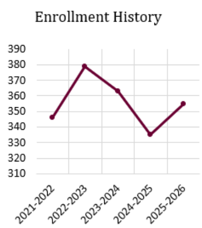
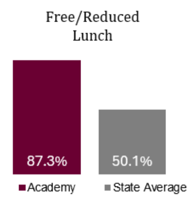
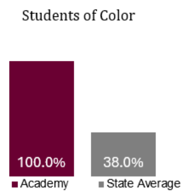
The school has an educational model built on the successes of the highly effective Finnish model of education, incorporating key components to maximize student learning. Through collaborations with community members, local businesses, and other organizations, students learn about many life and career pathways.

Detroit Innovation Academy

K-8 | Detroit | Opened - 2012 | Enrollment - 355







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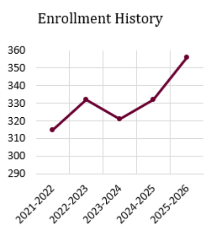
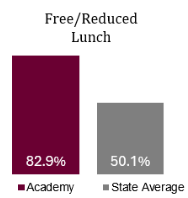
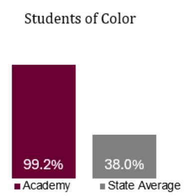
The school's mission is to provide a stimulating and supportive environment that empowers scholars to reach academic excellence and to be leaders in the community. They have a focus on character development that includes monthly moral virtues.

Eaton Academy

K-8 | Eastpointe | Opened - 1996 | Enrollment - 356







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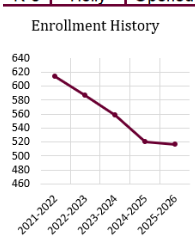
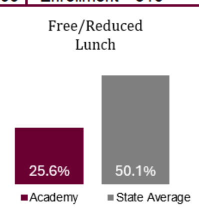
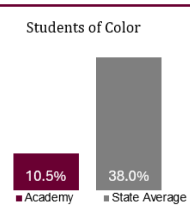
The school is celebrating its 29th year. Its mission is that through relentless individualized support and shared ownership, we propel each student on their personal path to long-term success in school, career and life. They focus on instilling characteristics such as collaboration, resilience, critical thinking, inventiveness, and a sense of self and expression within all of its students.

Holly Academy

K-8 | Holly | Opened - 1999 | Enrollment - 516







Financial Health

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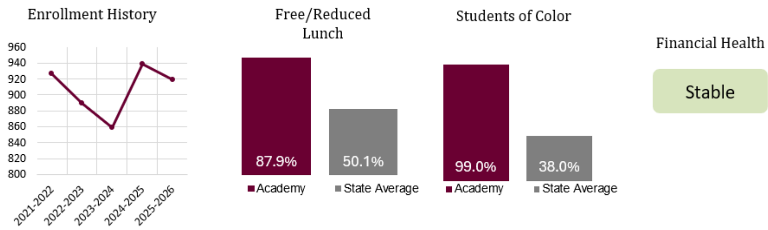
The school is one of six CMU Schools of Excellence. Its educational model focuses on educating the whole child while setting high expectations and ensuring strong partnerships with families and its community.

International Academy of Flint

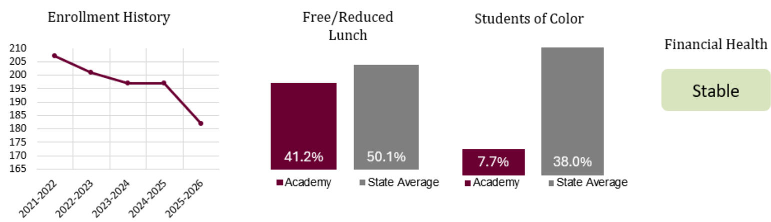
K-12 | Flint | Opened - 1999 | Enrollment - 919



The school has high academic expectations and prepares its students for thinking about, and succeeding in, higher education. They also have strong community partnerships, including having an on-site healthcare clinic.

Island City Academy

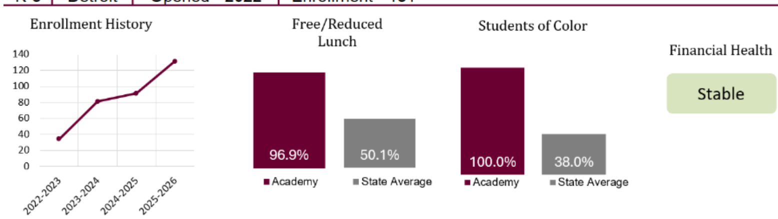
K-8 | Eaton Rapids | Opened - 1996 | Enrollment - 182



The school's academic program is focused on providing a quality curriculum in eight core subjects in addition to moral education. Its mission is to improve pupil achievement through a shared vision between talented teachers, parents and students whose primary goal is academic excellence coupled with moral standards and expectations.

KIPP Detroit Imani Academy

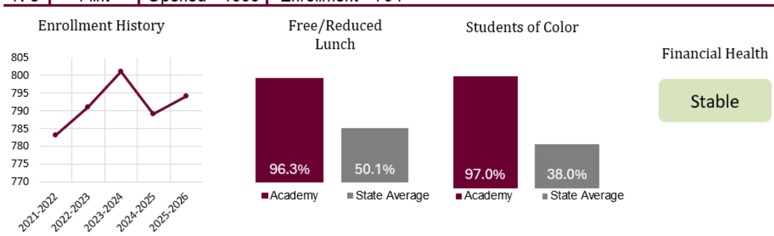
K-3 | Detroit | Opened - 2022 | Enrollment - 131



The school is in its fourth year of operation with plans to expand to a K-12 school. High expectations, rigorous curriculum, a culture of achievement and support, and highly effective teachers are proven strategies the school implements to support students in achieving academic excellence. They partner with KIPP, one of the nation's most prestigious management partners.

Linden Charter Academy

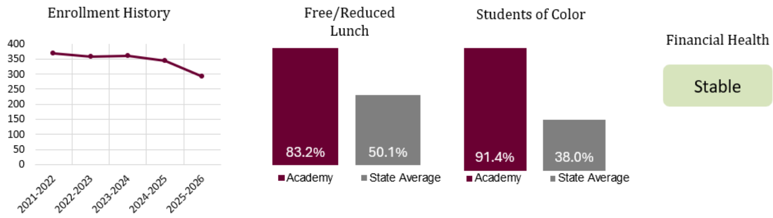
K-8 | Flint | Opened - 1999 | Enrollment - 794



The school's mission is to work in cooperation with families, staff, and the community, to offer a strong curriculum, focused on character education in a nurturing atmosphere of high, yet attainable, academic and moral expectations for its increasingly diverse student population. Its mission also states that students will master basic skills while strengthening their moral foundation in preparation for lifelong learning.

New Branches Charter Academy

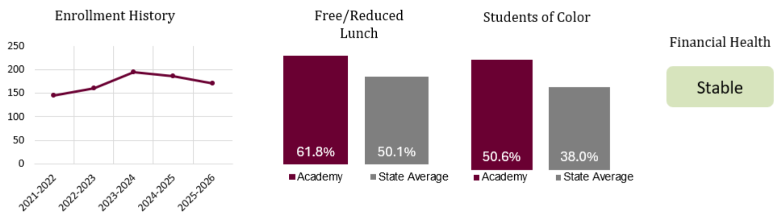
K-8 | Grand Rapids | Opened - 1994 | Enrollment - 292



The school serves students on a 12-acre campus that includes a garden where they learn about the food cycle. The school's vision is to be a school known for environmentally focused learning and self-sustaining practices through dedication to academic excellence. They also have a strong focus on character education.

Noor International Academy

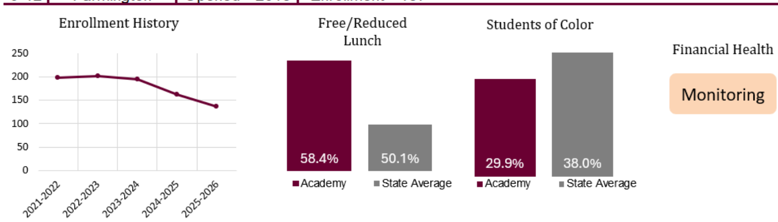
K-6 | Sterling Heights | Opened - 2011 | Enrollment - 170



The school is committed to preparing its students for success in a global world with an emphasis on the study of international cultures. The school ensures each student receives an education that includes the study of a language, culture and history different from one's own. The school serves a student population with 65% English language learners.

Oakland FlexTech High School

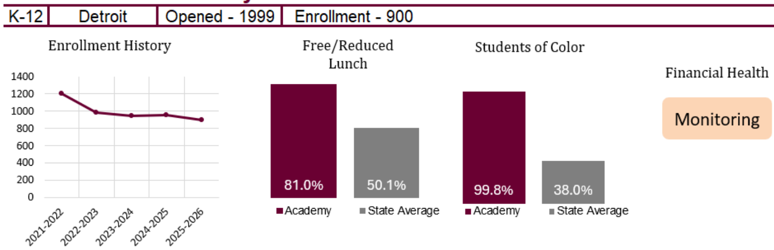
9-12 | Farmington | Opened - 2013 | Enrollment - 137



Students have the opportunity to take ownership of their learning, define their goals, and receive support from staff in a caring environment. The school utilizes a project-based learning model that provides students real-world experience by demonstrating knowledge of multiple content areas through projects.

Old Redford Academy

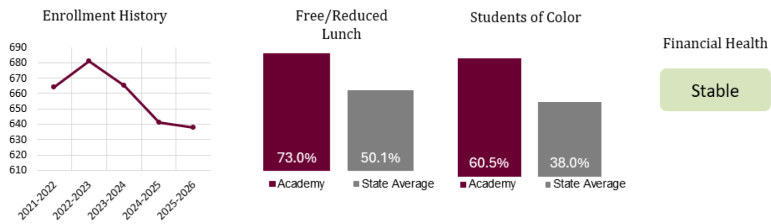
K-12 | Detroit | Opened - 1999 | Enrollment - 900



For 25 years, the school has served the Detroit community with a mission focused on providing a learning environment that will develop children to reach their maximum potential and to become productive members of a changing world.

Trillium Academy

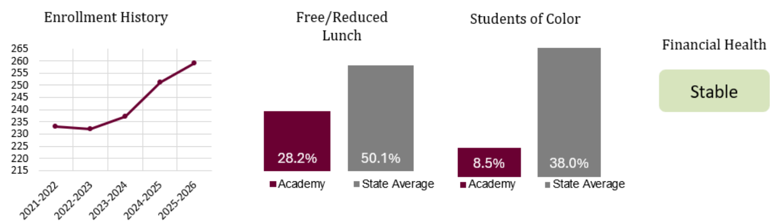
K-12 | Taylor | Opened - 2002 | Enrollment - 638



The school places a strong emphasis on preparing students for success in life, including higher education. They also have numerous opportunities for students in their fine and performing arts programs.

Walden Green Montessori

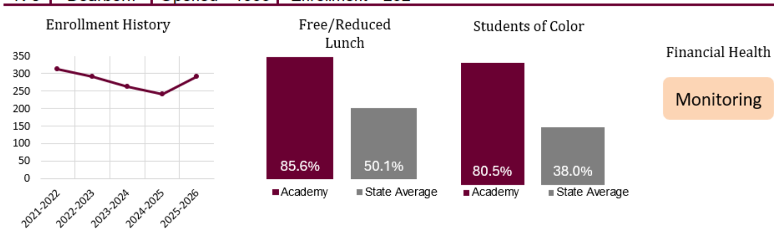
K-8 | Spring Lake | Opened - 1994 | Enrollment - 259



The school follows the curriculum of Montessori education. This individualized approach to learning focuses on numerous characteristics, including personal responsibility, independence and compassion. There is a collaborative learning environment that ensures students are academically prepared while also learning to be a caring citizen.

West Village Academy

K-8 | Dearborn | Opened - 1999 | Enrollment - 292



The mission of the school is to partner with families and the community to support a nurturing and respectful environment that develops independent thinkers and productive members of society while focusing on core academic and problem-solving skills.

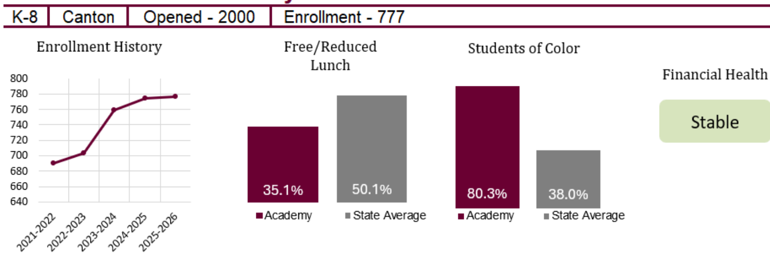
Data Note: Enrollment and demographic information are from 2024-25. Financial information reflects the most recent data available across several data sources.

Changes in Members of Boards of Directors of Schools of Excellence

Please find below background information on the schools of excellence that have board member resolutions for consideration

Canton Charter Academy

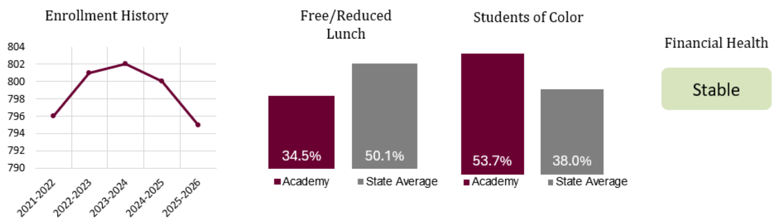
K-8 | Canton | Opened - 2000 | Enrollment - 777



The school was recognized in 2018 as a National Blue Ribbon School. They have also been recognized as one of six CMU Schools of Excellence.

South Arbor Charter Academy

K-8 | Ypsilanti | Opened - 1999 | Enrollment - 795



The school is one of six CMU Schools of Excellence. Its mission is to challenge each child to achieve in the areas of academic proficiency, moral integrity, and personal responsibility.

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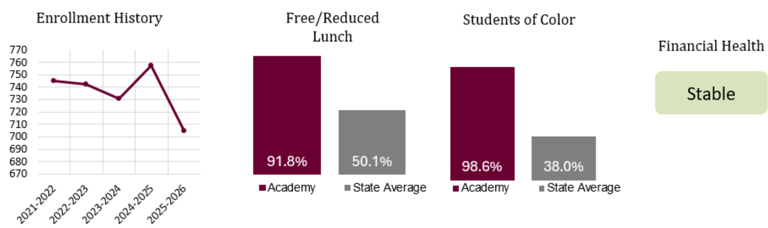
Reauthorization of Public School Academies

Please find below background information on the public school academies that have a reauthorization resolution for consideration

Detroit Leadership Academy

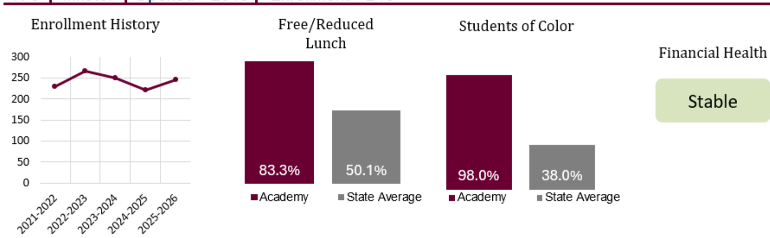
K-12 | Detroit | Opened - 2010 | Enrollment - 705



With a focus on building positive and culturally responsive relationships, the school provides trauma-informed education, timely and targeted intervention, and has a culture of achievement centered on high expectations and high support.

Inkster Preparatory Academy

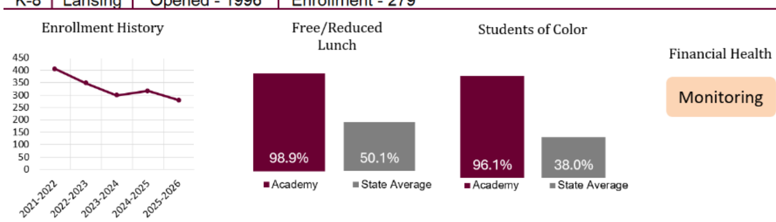
K-8 | Inkster | Opened - 2016 | Enrollment - 246



In its ninth year of operation, the school has continued to serve the needs of its community. The school provides its students with a student-centered program that is supported by progressive technology.

Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

K-8 | Lansing | Opened - 1996 | Enrollment - 279



The school is in its 29th school year. Their mission focuses on high standards of academic excellence and accountability, as well as providing a top-quality education in a safe, nurturing environment. The school also strives to support its diverse student body by recognizing each child as an individual while operating within the greater whole.

Data Note: Enrollment and demographic information are from 2024-25. Financial information reflects the most recent data available across several data sources.

CHANGE IN MEMBERS OF BOARD DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

Central Academy

Recitals:

1. At its December 5, 2024, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Central Academy. On July 1, 2025, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Muhammad Jaffer expires on June 16, 2026.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Muhammad Jaffer for reappointment to a term which expires June 16, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Muhammad Jaffer is reappointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Central Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken, but not prior to June 17, 2026.

Muhammad Jaffer
Ann Arbor, Michigan
president, Arbor Dental
(*to fill a term ending June 16, 2030*)

Cole Academy

Recitals:

1. At its December 2, 2021, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Cole Academy. On July 1, 2022, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Jeremiah Garza expired on April 4, 2025, therefore leaving a vacant position on the board of directors.

4. The term of Tara Ferguson expired on April 4, 2026, therefore leaving a vacant position on the board of directors.

5. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Shaneika Walker for appointment to a term which expires April 4, 2029; and has recommended Michael Chesney for appointment to a term which expires April 4, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Shaneika Walker and Michael Chesney are appointed to serve as members of the board of directors of Cole Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

Shaneika Walker
Lansing, Michigan
attorney, Walker Law PLLC
(*to fill a term ending April 4, 2029*)

Michael Chesney
Lansing, Michigan
budget analyst, Ingham County
(*to fill a term ending April 4, 2030*)

Copper Island Academy

Recitals:

1. At its April 22, 2021, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Copper Island Academy. On April 26, 2021, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is seven (7).

3. The term of Todd Brassard expired on January 14, 2026, therefore leaving a vacant position on the board of directors.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended James Koskela for appointment to a term which expires January 14, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That James Koskela is appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Copper Island Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

James Koskela
Calumet, Michigan
controller/vp of finance, REL, Inc.
(*to fill a term ending January 14, 2030*)

Detroit Innovation Academy

Recitals:

1. At its February 6, 2024, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Detroit Innovation Academy. On July 1, 2024, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. Ehrlich Crain resigned on June 30, 2024, therefore leaving a vacant position on the board of directors.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Anthony Robertson for appointment to a term which expires March 1, 2028.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Anthony Robertson is appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Detroit Innovation Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

Anthony Robertson
Southfield, Michigan
sales representative, Water Works Metrology
(*to fill a term ending March 1, 2028*)

Eaton Academy

Recitals:
1. At its December 8, 2022, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Eaton Academy. On July 1, 2023, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Andrei Nichols expired on August 19, 2025, therefore leaving a vacant position on the board of directors.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Waymond Hayes for appointment to a term which expires August 19, 2029.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Waymond Hayes is appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Eaton Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

Waymond Hayes
Detroit, Michigan
director for education/youth development, Focus: HOPE
(*to fill a term ending August 19, 2029*)

Holly Academy

Recitals:
1. At its February 11, 2021, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Holly Academy. On July 1, 2021, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is seven (7).

3. Matthew Gerard resigned on October 30, 2024, therefore leaving a vacant position on the board of directors.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Julie Klein for appointment to a term which expires May 12, 2026, and to an additional four year term that expires May 12, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Julie Klein is appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Holly Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

Julie Klein
Holly, Michigan
project coordinator, Dee Cramer
(*to fill a term ending May 12, 2030*)

International Academy of Flint

Recitals:

1. At its December 5, 2024, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to International Academy of Flint. On July 1, 2025, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is seven (7).

3. The term of Jacob Sopczynski expires on May 12, 2026.

4. The term of FaLessia Booker expires on May 12, 2026.

5. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Jacob Sopczynski and FaLessia Booker for reappointment to terms which expire May 12, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Jacob Sopczynski and FaLessia Booker are reappointed to serve as members of the board of directors of International Academy of Flint commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken, but not prior to May 13, 2026.

Jacob Sopczynski
Flushing, Michigan
principal, Yeo & Yeo
(*to fill a term ending May 12, 2030*)

FaLessia Booker
Flint, Michigan
owner, FC Enterprises, LLC
(*to fill a term ending May 12, 2030*)

Island City Academy

Recitals:

1. At its December 3, 2020, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Island City Academy. On July 1, 2021, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. Linda Sherrill resigned on August 24, 2025, therefore leaving a vacant position on the board of directors.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended James Haldane for appointment to a term which expires August 15, 2029.

BE IT RESOLVED, That James Haldane is appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Island City Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

James Haldane
Eaton Rapids, Michigan
lead pastor, Eaton Rapids Church of Nazarene
(to fill a term ending August 15, 2029)

KIPP Detroit Imani Academy

Recitals:
1. At its December 20, 2020, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Kipp Detroit Imani Academy. On January 25, 2022, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. Angy Webb resigned on March 11, 2026, therefore leaving a vacant position on the board of directors.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Danielle Cole for appointment to a term which expires January 14, 2027, and to an additional four year term which expires January 14, 2031.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Danielle Cole is appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of KIPP Detroit Imani Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

Danielle Cole
Southfield, Michigan
contracts manager, Ultra Maritime
(to fill a term ending January 14, 2031)

Linden Charter Academy

Recitals:
1. At its December 8, 2022, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Linden Charter Academy. On July 1, 2023, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Jonathan Blanchard expires on May 12, 2026.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Jonathan Blanchard for reappointment to a term which expires May 12, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Jonathan Blanchard is reappointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Linden Charter Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken, but not prior to May 13, 2026.

Jonathan Blanchard
Flint, Michigan
ceo, STEMLETICS
(*to fill a term ending May 12, 2030*)

New Branches Charter Academy

Recitals:

1. At its November 30, 2023, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to New Branches Charter Academy. On July 1, 2024, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Angie Shadix expires on May 17, 2026.

4. The term of Josiah Roggenback expires on May 17, 2026.

5. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Katherine Tiffany for appointment and has recommended Josiah Roggenback for reappointment to terms which expire May 17, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Katherine Tiffany is appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of New Branches Charter Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken, but not prior to May 18, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Josiah Roggenback is reappointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of New Branches Charter Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken, but not prior to May 18, 2026.

Katherine Tiffany
Grand Rapids, Michigan
direct support professional, Spectrum Community Services
(*to fill a term ending May 17, 2030*)

Josiah Roggenback
Cedar Springs, Michigan

respiratory/sleep tech, Trinity Health
(*to fill a term ending May 17, 2030*)

Noor International Academy

Recitals:

1. At its December 5, 2019, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Noor International Academy. On July 1, 2020, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Ibrahim Hamza expired on February 16, 2026.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Ibrahim Hamza for reappointment to a term which expires February 16, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Ibrahim Hamza is reappointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Noor International Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

Ibrahim Hamza
Warren, Michigan
senior scrum master, Kroger
(to fill a term ending February 16, 2030)

Oakland FlexTech High School

Recitals:

1. At its December 8, 2022, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Oakland FlexTech High School. On July 1, 2023, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Tia Marie Sanders expired on June 1, 2025, therefore leaving a vacant position on the board of directors.

4. The term of Daniel Sygar expires on June 1, 2026.

5. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Faith Salo for appointment to a term which expires June 1, 2029, and has recommended Daniel Sygar for reappointment to a term which expires June 1, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Faith Salo is appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Oakland FlexTech High School commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Daniel Sygar is reappointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Oakland FlexTech High School commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken, but not prior to June 2, 2026.

Faith Salo
Novi, Michigan
residential cleaner, Self-Employed
(to fill a term ending June 1, 2029)

Daniel Sygar
Northville, Michigan
vice president/creative director, Perich Advertising + Design
(to fill a term ending June 1, 2030)

Old Redford Academy

Recitals:

1. At its April 20, 2023, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Old Redford Academy. On July 1, 2023, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is seven (7).

3. The term of Cecelia Mullens expires on May 12, 2026.

4. The term of Furquan Ahmed expires on May 12, 2026.

5. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Cecelia Mullens and Furquan Ahmed for reappointment to terms which expire May 12, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Cecelia Mullens and Furquan Ahmed are reappointed to serve as members of the board of directors of Old Redford Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken, but not prior to May 13, 2026.

Cecelia Mullens
Sterling Heights, Michigan
senior program manager, Insight Global
(*to fill a term ending May 12, 2030*)

Furquan Ahmed
Leonard, Michigan
senior vice chancellor, Wayne County Community College District
(*to fill a term ending May 12, 2030*)

Trillium Academy

Recitals:

1. At its December 5, 2019, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to Trillium Academy. On July 1, 2020, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Steve Wisinski expires on April 25, 2026.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Steve Wisinski for reappointment to a term which expires April 25, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Steve Wisinski is reappointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Trillium Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken, but not prior to April 26, 2026.

Steve Wisinski
Ypsilanti, Michigan
partner, Shindelrock
(to fill a term ending April 25, 2030)

Walden Green Montessori

Recitals:

1. At its November 30, 2023, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to Walden Green Montessori. On July 1, 2024, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Kori Bissot expired on April 9, 2026.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Kori Bissot for reappointment to a term which expires April 9, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Kori Bissot is reappointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Walden Green Montessori commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

Kori Bissot
Spring Lake, Michigan
owner, KWB Strategies
(*to fill a term ending April 9, 2030*)

West Village Academy

Recitals:

1. At its February 6, 2024, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as public school academy to West Village Academy. On July 1, 2024, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. Dwayne Coleman resigned on January 17, 2026, therefore leaving a vacant position on the board of directors.

4. The term of Letesha Besant expires on May 12, 2026.

5. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Aloysius Anagonye for appointment to a term which expires May 12, 2028, and has recommended Letesha Besant for reappointment to a term which expires May 12, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Aloysius Anagonye is appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of West Village Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLED, That Letesha Besant is reappointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of West Village Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken, but not prior to May 13, 2026.

Aloysius Anagonye
Southfield, Michigan
ceo, ACAN International
(to fill a term ending May 12, 2028)

Letesha Besant
Detroit, Michigan
oncology patient navigator, Karmanos Cancer Center
(*to fill a term ending May 12, 2030*)

CHANGE IN MEMBERS OF BOARD DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Canton Charter Academy

Recitals:

1. At its December 2, 2021, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as school of excellence to Canton Charter Academy. On July 1, 2022, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Heather Pfitzenmaier expires on May 12, 2026.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Matthew Liwag for appointment to a term which expires May 12, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Matthew Liwag is appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Canton Charter Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken but not prior to May 13, 2026.

Matthew Liwag
Canton, Michigan
vp small business development, First Merchants Bank
(to fill a term ending May 12, 2030)

South Arbor Charter Academy

Recitals:
1. At its December 17, 2015, meeting, this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as school of excellence to South Arbor Charter Academy. On July 1, 2016, the contract was effective.

2. This board appointed the initial board of directors of the academy and has subsequently made changes in the membership of the board of directors of the academy. The current number of positions of this board is five (5).

3. The term of Sarah Camp expires on May 12, 2026.

4. The board of the academy and university president or designee has recommended Sarah Camp for reappointment to a term which expires May 12, 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Sarah Camp is reappointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of South Arbor Charter Academy commencing the date upon which the oath of public office is taken, but not prior to May 13, 2026.

Sarah Camp
Ypsilanti, Michigan
director of operations, Care Management by Natalie
(to fill a term ending May 12, 2030)

REAUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

Detroit Leadership Academy

Recitals:
1. At its December 8, 2022, meeting this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to Detroit Leadership Academy. On July 1, 2023, the contract was effective.

2. The contract of this academy expires June 30, 2026.

3. The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of Detroit Leadership Academy.

4. The university president or designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to Detroit Leadership Academy. The term of the contract is recommended for a term not to exceed three (3) years.

BE IT RESOLVED, That this board approves and authorizes the execution of a contract to charter as a public school academy to Detroit Leadership Academy for a term not to exceed three (3) years and authorizes the chair of the board to execute a contract to charter as a public school academy and related documents between Detroit Leadership Academy and the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees, provided that, before execution of the contract, the university president or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and Detroit Leadership Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract.

Inkster Preparatory Academy

Recitals:

1. At its February 11, 2021, meeting this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to Inkster Preparatory Academy. On July 1, 2021, the contract was effective.

2. The contract of this academy expires June 30, 2026.

3. The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of Inkster Preparatory Academy.

4. The university president or designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to Inkster Preparatory Academy. The term of the contract is recommended for a term not to exceed three (3) years.

BE IT RESOLVED, That this board approves and authorizes the execution of a contract to charter as a public school academy to Inkster Preparatory Academy for a term not to exceed three (3) years and authorizes the chair of the board to execute a contract to charter as a public school academy and related documents between Inkster Preparatory Academy and the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees, provided that, before execution of the contract, the university president or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and Inkster Preparatory Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract.

Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

Recitals:

1. At its April 18, 2024, meeting this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy. On July 1, 2024, the contract was effective.

2. The contract of this academy expires June 30, 2026.

3. The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy.

4. The university president or designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to Mid-Michigan Leadership. The term of the contract is recommended for a term not to exceed five (5) years.

BE IT RESOLVED, That this board approves and authorizes the execution of a contract to charter as a public school academy to Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy for a term not to exceed five (5) years and authorizes the chair of the board to execute a contract to charter as a public school academy and related documents between Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy and the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees, provided that, before execution of the contract, the university president or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract.

ENROLLMENT, RETENTION AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Beauboeuf provided an overview of items discussed during yesterday's committee meeting.

ACCESS, BELONGING AND COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee McGhee provided an overview of items discussed during yesterday's committee meeting.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Plawecki provided an overview of items discussed during yesterday's committee meeting, including key financial metrics.

Trustee Plawecki also commented that he will vote no on the first resolution below for the reasons he previously stated at the November 2025 meeting.

COVENANT HEALTHCARE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CMU MYMICHIGAN HEALTH MEDICAL EDUCATION BUILDING – CONSTRUCTION MANAGER SERVICES

It was moved by Trustee Mallett, seconded by Trustee Beauboeuf, and carried with seven affirmative votes that the following resolution be adopted as submitted. Trustee Plawecki voted no.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the president or his designee is authorized to negotiate and sign an agreement for Construction Manager services not to exceed $1,800,000 for the Covenant HealthCare College of Medicine at Central Michigan University, CMU MyMichigan Health Medical Education Building.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE M.D. PROGRAM TUITION

It was moved by Trustee Plawecki, seconded by Trustee Heath, and carried that the following resolution be adopted as submitted.

BE IT RESOLVED, That annual tuition rates for the College of Medicine's M.D. program, for enrollment commencing on or after **July 1, 2027**, is adopted as follows:

		2027-28 Annual Program Tuition
Michigan Resident:	M1	$53,430
	M2-M4	$50,430
Out-of-State Resident:	M1	$77,919
	M2-M4	$74,919

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President may vary tuition for part-time and other off-cycle students.

LEASE RENEWAL IN LANSING, MI

It was moved by Trustee Regis, seconded by Trustee Plawecki, and carried that the following resolution be adopted as submitted.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the university president or his designee is authorized to negotiate and execute a five (5) year lease renewal for administrative space in Lansing, Michigan. The estimated total costs for the five (5) year lease are not to exceed $449,053 for a lease term ending June 30, 2032. The funding will be from the General Fund operating budget.

WOMEN’S AND MEN’S GOLF TRAINING FACILITY

It was moved by Trustee Regis, seconded by Trustee Plawecki, and carried that the following resolution be adopted as submitted.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees approves a revised total construction cost for the Women’s and Men’s Golf Training Facility not to exceed $10,400,000. The additional project cost of $1,500,000 is funded by a donor gift.

BROOMFIELD ROAD REAL ESTATE TRADE AND EASEMENT: CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, That the president or his designee is hereby authorized to negotiate a real estate trade and easement with the owners of adjacent parcels on Broomfield Road. The easement would be to construct and maintain a paved roadway connecting CMU property to Broomfield Road.

ADVANCEMENT PRIVATE SUPPORT REPORT: CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, That contributions received fiscal year-to-date as of March 31, 2026, as incorporated and reflected in the enclosed Private Support report, are accepted.

Central Michigan University

Private Support - Colleges/Units/Programs

Fiscal Year-to-Date March 31, 2026

By "Process Date"

FY25-26 Fundraising Goal:	$30,000,000
Fiscal Year to Date Fundraising:	$71,047,230
% to Goal :	236.8%

Division	Realized Bequests, Gifts & Pledge Payments	Gifts In Kind	Deferred Gifts	Total Cash	Expectancies	Balance on Pledges	Total FY Fundraising
Arts and Media	$ 182,754	$ 3,500	$ -	$ 186,254	$ -	$ 2,764	$ 189,018
Athletics	$ 1,786,841	$ 134,096	$ -	$ 1,920,937	$ 241,100	$ 2,054,807	$ 4,216,843
Business Administration	$ 913,865	$ -	$ -	$ 913,865	$ 1,483,500	$ 337,287	$ 2,734,652
Education and Human Services	$ 586,527	$ -	$ -	$ 586,527	$ 1,362,500	$ 56,170	$ 2,005,197
Health Professions	$ 202,436	$ 2,900	$ -	$ 205,336	$ 500	$ 94,312	$ 300,148
Innovation & Online	$ 35,620		$ -	$ 35,620	$ -	$ 35,040	$ 70,660
Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	$ 251,701	$ 3,750	$ -	$ 255,451	$ 10,001	$ 55,047	$ 320,499
Libraries	$ 233,763	$ -	$ 50,000	$ 283,763	$ 1	$ 21,792	$ 305,555
Medicine	$ 1,568,053	$ 3,000,000	$ -	$ 4,568,053	$ -	$ 44,017,050	$ 48,585,103
ORSP (Research & Sponsored Programs)	$ 688,544	$ -	$ -	$ 688,544	$ -	$ -	$ 688,544
Public Broadcasting	$ 3,317,226	$ -	$ -	$ 3,317,226	$ -	$ 8,583	$ 3,325,809
Science and Engineering	$ 346,729	$ 3,750	$ -	$ 350,479	$ 500	$ 104,530	$ 455,509
Other (Pres, Aca Aff, Scholarship, Adv, Student Svc, TBD)	$ 1,825,089	$ 23,655	$ -	$ 1,848,745	$ 406,501	$ 5,594,447	$ 7,849,692
Total	**$ 11,939,147**	**$ 3,171,651**	**$ 50,000**	**$ 15,160,799**	**$ 3,504,603**	**$ 52,381,828**	**$ 71,047,230**

Gifts by Ranges

Range	# Donors	Amount
>= 500,000	3	$4,096,079
>= 250,000	4	$950,159
>= 100,000	19	$2,261,406
>= 50,000	26	$722,545
>= 10,000	210	$2,531,485
>= 1,000	1,322	$2,109,888
>= 500	1,101	$534,931
< 500	20,270	$1,954,306
	22,955	$15,160,799

Pledges by Ranges

Range	# Pledges	Pledged Amount	Balance
>= 500,000	9	$51,000,000	$50,900,000
>= 250,000	1	$350,000	$325,000
>= 100,000	3	$350,000	$200,000
>= 50,000	8	$460,000	$348,500
>= 10,000	29	$700,652	$444,114
>= 1,000	66	$209,425	$98,049
>= 500	68	$37,098	$13,719
< 500	1,689	$141,039	$52,447
	1,873	$53,248,214	$52,381,829

ENDOWMENTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS: CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following new endowments/scholarships are approved. Statements are approved for publication as applicable.

New Endowments

George E. Borel Angling Endowment
This fund was established in 2026 by George E. Borel. George was born in Detroit in 1951 to Swiss immigrant parents who came to the United States in 1946. In the mid-1950s, the Borel family stayed at the Willow Grove Hotel on Wamplers Lake in Jackson County. That vacation spurred their search for a small cottage on the lake, which they found and purchased in the fall of 1956. It was not long before George gravitated towards fishing, which soon became an obsession. George now owns the family cottage and will someday pass it down to his three children. George graduated from Michigan State University in 1973 with a degree in accounting and immediately started working in Ann Arbor, with the same firm for almost 53 years. On an early visit to the Clarke Historical Library, George met emeritus Dean of the College of Science and Engineering, former Clarke Board of Governors member, and fellow book collector, Bob Kohrman, whom he credits with his decision to gift his personal collection to the Clarke Historical Library. This endowment is intended to support all facets of the Library's angling collection. This endowment will be used at the discretion of the Clarke Historical Library's Director for the acquisition, promotion, related programming, and preservation of the Clarke Historical Library's collection of angling books, periodicals, manuscripts, and ephemera. Special consideration may be given to items related to field sporting in Michigan.

Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools Discretionary Term Endowment
This endowment was established in 2026 by The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools. This endowment will support a discretionary fund for The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools. The fund may be used for efforts such as but not limited to scholarships, Charter School programs and initiatives, etc.

Dr. Choon Young Lee Endowed Scholarship
This scholarship was established in 2023 by Dr. Choon Young Lee. Dr. Lee is a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at CMU. She was born in South Korea and came to the USA to pursue a graduate degree in 1994. She received a Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from Northeastern University in 2000 and was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School before joining CMU in 2001. This renewable scholarship will support Undergraduate students pursuing a degree in Chemistry or Biochemistry who are conducting research in Organic Chemistry. Recipients must provide a statement about their research and have a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.5. Preference will be given to students who additionally include a diagram, pictures and chemical structures related to their research, with special consideration given to students who provide a letter of recommendation from a research advisor.

Sarah Opperman Leadership Institute Endowment
This fund was established in 2026 by Sarah '81 and Daniel Opperman. Sarah joined The Dow Chemical Company's public affairs office right after graduation and served the company for more than 28 years before retiring in 2009 as vice president of Global Government Affairs and Public Policy. Daniel was an attorney for 25 years prior to being named a judge and currently serves as Chief Judge for the Eastern District Bankruptcy Court. The Oppermans have donated to many CMU projects including the development of the College of Medicine's Student Resource Library, the Opperman Public Relations Internship Endowment, the Sarah and Daniel Opperman Auditorium within the Park Library and the Leadership Institute that now bears Sarah's name. This fund will support an account to be used at the

discretion of the director for the Sarah R. Opperman Leadership Institute to support programs within the Leadership Institute.

Tina and Jon Lynch Resilience & Resolve Scholarship
This scholarship was established in 2024 by Tina and Jon '99 Lynch. Jon graduated from MSU in 1991, and then, while working full time and raising a young family, he earned his Master of Public Administration degree from CMU in 1999. Tina graduated from MSU in 1990 and served in many capacities for the Midland Business Alliance and Midland Area Chamber of Commerce. Both Tina and Jon are engaged pillars of their communities, serving on numerous boards, and supporting several non-profit organizations. Tina and Jon have established this scholarship endowment to support CMU students who are balancing the demands of work, pursuing higher education, and family responsibilities - much like they did early in their careers. They

recognize the challenges faced by working students and seek to help alleviate financial burdens, enabling them to pursue and achieve their educational goals. This scholarship will support Undergraduate students enrolled in CMU's Innovation & Online program (or the program's future equivalent) who have a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 and demonstrate financial need. Recipients must be employed while enrolled within the program and pursuing their degree. Preference will be given to recipients studying the following undergraduate majors: Community Development: Community Services, Community Development: Health Sciences, Community Development: Public Administration, Public and Non-Profit Administration, General Business Administration or Organizational Leadership.

Gary and Barbara (Anderson) Russell Conference Presentation Fund
This endowment was established in 2026 by Gary '66, '70 and Barbara '66, '70 Russell. With the establishment of this endowment, they aim to support students pursuing an education related degree within the College of Education and Human Services to present their research at a professional conference, and to elevate Central Michigan University’s reputation as an innovative leader in the field of education. This fund will enhance recipients' educational experience, resume, and professional networking opportunities, while providing them with the esteemed opportunity to represent Central Michigan University at a state or national conference. It is Gary and Barbara's hope that students who benefit from this fund will be offered a forum to present their research to the campus community following their conference presentation experience. This fund will provide financial support to Undergraduate or Graduate students pursuing an education related degree who will incur or have incurred expenses while presenting research at a state or national conference. Students must be enrolled within the College of Education and Human Services and amounts awarded/spent may vary by recipient and should be determined based upon the recipient's specific needs and related expenses.

Christopher A. Bailey and Nancy J. White Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship was established in 2026 by Nancy J. White in memory of her husband, Christopher A. Bailey and herself. Both Christopher and Nancy were professors at Central Michigan University, beginning in 2000. Chris retired in 2021 and Nancy in 2022. Christopher taught economics in the Department of Economics and Nancy taught law classes in the Department of Finance and Law. During that time CMU established the first Law and Economics major at the undergraduate level in the United States and both Chris and Nancy had a lifelong interest in those two disciplines. Both had love for and loyalty to CMU and its students, and this scholarship is designed to help CMU students on a similar path. This scholarship will support Undergraduate recipients majoring in either Economics or Law & Economics who have a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0.

NAMING OPPORTUNITY: CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following naming opportunity be approved in honor of the donors in grateful recognition of their gift to Central Michigan University:

> **Chippewa Champions Center**
> Office gifted by The Wuerfel Family (Office 2306)
> Donors - Bob and Shayne Wuerfel

ATHLETICS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Regis provided an overview of items discussed during yesterday's committee meeting.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Mallett had no items to report.

TRUSTEES-FACULTY LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Heath provided an overview of items discussed during yesterday's committee meeting.

TRUSTEES-STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee McGhee provided an overview of items discussed during yesterday's committee meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Plawecki, seconded by Trustee Kondur and carried that the items listed on the consent agenda be adopted, approved, accepted or ratified as submitted.

OTHER/ NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM/MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA: None

CLOSING COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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Mary Jane Flanagan
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Dr. Denise Williams Mallett
Chair, Board of Trustees