

MONUMENT ACADEMY
“A Charter School, a Public School of Choice”
Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Minutes from January 12, 2023 at 6pm MST
Monument Academy East Campus Gym

Mission Statement:

The mission of Monument Academy is to provide a challenging, content – rich, academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment. Established on a solid foundation of knowledge, Monument Academy emphasizes academic excellence, respect, responsibility, character and exemplary citizenship.

A. CALL TO ORDER/MISSION STATEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL/QUORUM

- a. Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 6pm, read the mission statement, led the Pledge of Allegiance, took roll call, and declared a quorum. Board Members in attendance: Joe Buczkowski, Craig Carle, Lindsay Clinton, Danny O’Brien, Ryan Graham, Mike Geers. Other in attendance: Kim McClelland, David Kennington, Collin Vinchattle, Kurt Walker

B. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- a. Mr. Graham motioned that the board revise letter “J” to motion to adjourn to executive session with a citation to state, “executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(d) to discuss specialized details of security arrangements and safety and security protocols in regard to Able Sheperd.” Mrs. Clinton gave a second. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mrs. Clinton motioned to add the approval of minutes from December 8, 2022 to “E. Consent Agenda.” Mr. Carle gave a second. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Buczkowski moved that the board add letter “g” under “G. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION” to include “Athletic Wear.” Mr. Graham gave a second and it carried unanimously.
- d. The agenda was approved with unanimous consent with the changes made above.

C. SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

- a. Mr. Carle recognized Officer Trevor Perry.

D. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS *Limit 3 minutes per person* - None

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. The minutes from December 8, December 16, 2022 and January 3, 2023 were approved as distributed.
- b. The next regular session meeting date of February 9, 2023 at the East Campus gym at 6 pm was approved with unanimous consent.

F. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES:

- a. COO Report: Mrs. McClellan read the monthly COO report.
- b. CFO Report: Mr. Graham reminded the community that MA has hired a financial consultant to fill the role of our vacant CFO position. His name is Glenn Gustafson and he will be giving reports at board meetings moving forward. Because Mr. Gustafson was not present, there was no CFO report.
- c. Committees:
 - i. Highway 105 Committee Report: Mr. Graham reported that if all goes as planned with Wilson and Co., Phase I of the recirculation project at West Campus will be underway by May 1, 2023. The hope is to have that completed by September or October of 2023. Phase II will then proceed with the county’s expansion of Highway 105 and a proposed roundabout at Knollwood and Village Ridge Pt.
 - ii. Curriculum: no report.

- iii. SAAC–West: Mr. Geers reported some new hires at West Campus. The West community survey had two main recommendations: to hire a communications manager and to educate the community on CMAS testing. Mr. Geers then read the SAAC West survey recommendation letter for the record.
- iv. SAAC–East: no report.
- v. Governance: Mr. Buczkowski reported on the addition of approved athletic logo wear to the middle school uniform policy. He said that based on no dispute from the art department staff to add their own uniform options, that the board could allow Mr. Svendson to move forward with the sports approved uniform options to be made available to the community.
- vi. Finance: no report.
- vii. Buildings & Facilities: Mr. O’Brien reported on HVAC inspections.
- viii. Volunteer Committee: no report.
- ix. Resource Development Committee: Mr. Carle reported that the Lynx Fund has raised approximately \$13,000 to date including 12 Lynx Legacy members and 153 total donations.

G. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- a. ColoTrust Resolution – Mr. Graham made a movement for the MA board to authorize the board president to execute the trust, registration and approve the following resolution (see attached). He then read the resolution for the record (see attached). Mrs. Clinton made a second. After discussion and questions, the board voted. Mr. Geers voted no, the remaining present board members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- b. Preschool Tuition Contract Update – Mr. Graham moved that the MA board approve the updated preschool tuition contract as presented. Mr. Carle made a second. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Red Cross Facility Request - Mr. Graham moved that MA authorize the execution of the Facility Use Agreement by either the board president and/or COO. Mr. Carle made a second. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. 2023 Board of Directors Election information – Mrs. Clinton announced the two upcoming vacancies for the MA board. She explained the eligibility requirements and how to submit candidacy for the upcoming election. She also reviewed the timeline for the election process and announced that all the pertinent information would be forthcoming to the community.
- e. Proposed Bylaw change to Article III Section 3.2 – Mrs. Clinton brought forth a proposal to potentially expand the term of board members to parents who have a child graduate from MA. The proposal was tabled for a future meeting.
- f. COO Strategic Plan Presentation – Mrs. McClelland gave her strategic plan presentation and gave an overview of an actionable timeline. The goal is to have the draft of the plan by August 2023. She also gave her thoughts on the composition of the strategic plan committee members. Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Carle will be the two board members to serve on this committee.
- g. Athletic Wear - Mr. Buczkowski motioned to approve the athletic sportswear from the December 6th board packet for inclusion in the middle school uniform policy 1511 M.S. as everyday compliant clothing and to instruct the Governance Committee to edit the middle school uniform policy 1511 M.S. to include the sportswear. Mr. Graham made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

H. BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – none.

I. NEW BUSINESS – none.

J. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Mr. Graham motioned to adjourn to executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(d) to discuss specialized details of security arrangements and safety and security protocols in regard to Able Sheperd. Mr. O’Brien made a second and the motion carried unanimously.

K. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION – none.

L. ADJOURNMENT - Mr. Graham adjourned the meeting.

M. CITIZEN COMMENTS NOT PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS *Limit 3 minutes per* – none.

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING TO JOIN WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE COLORADO LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIQUID ASSET TRUST (THE TRUST) TO POOL FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT

WHEREAS, Monument Academy (“MA”), in El Paso County, Colorado, is a nonprofit corporation and a local public body, acting by its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Directors of the School (the “Board”) have been duly elected, chosen, and qualified; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 7, Article 24 (C.R.S.), it is lawful for any local government to pool any moneys in its treasury that are not immediately required to be disbursed with the same such moneys in the treasury of any other local government in order to take advantage of short-term investments and maximize net interest earnings; and


WHEREAS, the Trust is a statutory trust formed under the laws of the state of Colorado in accordance with the provisions of Parts 6 and 7, Article 24 and Articles 10.5 and 47 of Title 11 of the Colorado Revised Statutes regarding the investing, pooling for investment, and protection of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Monument Academy desires to become a Participant in the Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Monument Academy hereby approves, adopts, and thereby joins as a Participant with other local governments pursuant to Part 7, Article 75, Title 24 of the Colorado Revised Statutes that certain Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust entitled the Colorado Liquid Government Asset Trust dated May 1, 2021 as amended from time to time, the terms of which are incorporated herein by this reference and a copy of which shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted; and
2. The Designee and Authorized Signatories are those persons listed on the Trust Registration Form attached hereto and incorporated herein. The Authorized Signatories are authorized by the Participant to direct the investment of such Participants’ investment funds.
3. The Designee and Authorized Signatories may be changed from time to time by written notice to COLOTRUST; and
4. The Trust currently has three investment portfolios COLOTRUST PRIME, COLOTRUST PLUS+, and COLOTRUST EDGE. Prior to investing in any of the portfolios offered by the Trust, Participants are encouraged to review the COLOTRUST Information Statements and Investment Policies for each portfolio.

Approved and adopted – January 12th, 2023



Ryan Graham, Board President
Monument Academy

Attest:



Emily Belisle, Board Secretary
Monument Academy