

Gaming and Technology Academy of Saginaw (GATA)

500 S. Hamilton St. Saginaw, MI 48602

Organizational Board Meeting Agenda

December 23, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Oath of Office - Brandon Kathman

1. Call to Order - 504 pm

1.1 Roll Call -

Neil Neimec and Ellen LaForest absent, Brandon Kathman, Debi Hartman, Andy Lintz present.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda - Lintz, motion to approve agenda with changes placing item 3.4 as 3.1, Hartman, support - unanimous vote - aye.

2. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only) (Agenda items only) no comments

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3. Organizational Business / Resolutions

3.1 Election of Board Officers:

- Board President - Andy Lintz
- Board Vice President - Brandon Kathman
- Board Secretary - Debi Hartman
- Board Treasurer - Debi Hartman

Lintz moved to approve the election of the board officers, and supported by Kathman.

Discussion - management will be the recording secretary.

Vote - unanimous vote - aye

3.2 Acknowledgment of Incorporation and Ratification of Incorporator's Actions, Motion by Lintz approved, Kathman support. No discussion. vote-unanimous-aye.

3.3 Adoption of Bylaws. Moved by Hartman, supported by Lintz. Discussion about document filing in Google folders. vote-unanimous-aye.

3.4 Appointment and Terms of Academy Board Members. Motion by Kathman, supported by Hartman. vote-unanimous-aye.

3.5 Approval of Charter Contract and Fiscal Agent Agreement/LSSU resolution. Motion by Kathman, Supported by Lintz. vote-unanimous-aye.

- 3.6 Compliance with Applicable Laws, Rules, and Regulations. Motion by Lintz, supported by Hartman. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 3.7 Board Meeting Calendar. Motion by Lintz, supported by Kathman. Discussion for 4th Wednesday of the month at 5pm at GATA building on 500 S. Hamilton St. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 3.8 School Year Calendar. Motion by Lintz, supported by Hartman. Discussion - waiver to start before labor day and align with Saginaw ISD for services, attendance, and otherwise as required. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 3.9 Depository for Academy Funds - Motion by Lintz, supported by Kathman. Discussion - recommended for Mercantile Bank. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 3.10 Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) - Motion to approve Board President as CAO, Hartman with Lintz support. Discussion - management recommends the Board President. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 3.11 Insurance Requirements - Motion by Lintz, and supported by Kathman. Discussion - there are requirements called MUSIC, with Hylant audits. Management recommends General Agency and EMC insurance out of Mt. Pleasant, cover the majority of charter schools in MI for lowest rates available. Management will go over the proposal with the board upon receipt. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 3.12 General Legal Counsel - Motion for Miller Canfield, Jim Crowley specifically, to be general legal counsel, moved by Hartman, supported by Kathman. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 3.13 Independent Financial Auditor - Motion for Maner Costerisan to be the financial auditor by Lintz, supported by Hartman. Discussion - should our needs change we can get rfps and quotes from other firms. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 3.14 Toxic Hazard Preparedness Officer - Motion for Superintendent to be THP Officer Lintz, supported by Kathman. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 3.15 Compliance Officer - Motion for Superintendent to be THP Officer Hartman, supported by Kathman. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 3.16 Title VI, Title IX, FOIA, Sexual Harassment, and Civil Rights Coordinator Motion for Superintendent to be THP Officer Kathman, supported by Lintz. vote-unanimous-aye.

4. Contracts and Agreements

- 4.1 Approval of Management Agreement with Teachers First. Motion to approve by Lintz, and supported by Hartman. Discussion - been vetted by board legal counsel. vote-unanimous-aye.
- 4.2 Approval of Facility Lease Agreement. Motion by Kathman, Lintz support. vote-unanimous-aye.

5. Reports

- 5.1 Report from the Authorizer - Methner shared that at future meetings board rep reports will be available.
- 5.2 Management Company Report – Teachers First - The template shared in the google folder. The board will receive the monthly state of the school from members of the management team.

6. Correspondence None.

7. Extended Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items) None.

8. Board Comment - Lintz expresses excitement for positive impact on the community of Saginaw.

9. Adjournment – Next Board of Directors Meeting Scheduled for January 28, 2026 @ 5pm.

Lintz moved to adjourn, supported by Kathman at 548 pm. vote-unanimous-aye.

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