



Gaming and Technology Academy of Saginaw
500 S.Hamilton St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Approved Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order Board President - **Andy Lintz**, calls meeting to order at 503pm
2. Roll Call
Board Members:
Andy Lintz
Brandon Kathman
Debi Hartman
Ellen LaForest
Neal Niemiec (Virtual)
Members of the Public:
Michelle Kyles - TF
Stacy Hengehold - TF
Dave Patterson - TF
Lynn Methner - LSSU
Maurice Hopgood - TF
Kerri Smith - TF (Virtual)
3. Approval of the Agenda -**Andy Lintz** motioned to approve the agenda as proposed, seconded by **Ellen LaForest**. 4 ayes, 0 nays.
4. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2026 -**Debi Hartman** motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 28, 2026, seconded by **Andy Lintz**. No discussion, 4 ayes, 0 nays.
5. Public Comment (Agenda items only): *The Board recognizes the public's right to comment on educational issues and the value of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters. Pursuant to Board Policy, public comment is limited to two minutes duration for each participant who wishes to address the Board. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question board members individually. The Board will not verbally respond to any public comments at the time of the meeting but may refer comments to appropriate personnel for follow up or respond itself in a time efficient manner. Those in attendance at this meeting are reminded that this is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting academy business.*
6. Financials
 - a. DDA Public Arts Grant Update - **Dave Patterson** gave an update on grant award to GATA for a mural on the side of the building.
7. Reports
 - a. LSSU Field Rep Report-**Lynn Methner** provided an update to the board for May 2026, with discussion on leadership and board member professional development.
 - i. Portfolio Update - **no updates from LSSU**
 - ii. School Code Update - **Dave Patterson** provided an update that after meeting with leadership at LSSU and attorneys, and actively working toward the CoO, LSSU

agreed to send charter authorization contact to MDE to obtain a district code. The academy is now waiting on the state. Discussion involved timelines from MDE, which we expect about 30 days, and a temporary one may be issued by the Treasury.

- b. Teachers First State of the School
 - i. ARs, Compliance, Ops, HR, Marketing - Executive Director Michelle Kyles discussed Back2School Conference, school leadership ongoing PLCs, continue to explore virtual options in the future for programming, busing will be available and green tagged for the bus usage and then sell them back to the school in due time, busing will be available and green tagged for the bus usage and then sell them back to the school in due time. Staff recruitment is underway, 1 official hire to support student/families/enrollment. School Leader and SpEd position is posted now followed by teachers and support staff. The Weekly Marketing and Enrollment Meeting updates were provided by Dave Patterson, the website gatasaginaw.com, social media team (FB, Insta, TikTok), mailers with zip codes to half a dozen areas, and door to door outreach with 7 enrolled and 4 more in the pipeline. Work backwards from staff orientation, parent and student orientation, and dates for opening celebration possibly. Curriculum will be purchased by TF and will be reimbursed by GATA at cost, no up charges per the contract. Building updates are coming along to nudge us closer to occupancy.
8. Old Business
 - a. Approval of NCSI Board Policy Deck - Andy Lintz motions to approve the Introduction Resolution from NCSI to adopt NCSI Policies. Brandon Kathman supports. No discussion. 4 Ayes, 0 nays.
9. New Business
 - a. Approval of the Parent/Student Handbook - Andy Lintz motions to approve the first draft of the handbook, supported by Debi Hartman. Discussion on best practices for updates with handbook at school leadership level v. legal requirements for board approval such as code of conduct. The board also discussed a committee structure. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.
10. Correspondence - no correspondence
11. Extended Public Comment (For non-agenda items) - The board discussed establishing GATA of Saginaw board emails. Vice President Kathman also discussed after school care with the Boys and Girls club and solidifying a partnership.
12. Adjournment - Next Meeting: Regular Meeting, **June 24, 2026 - Budget Hearing**
Andy Lintz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Brandon Kathman, the board discussed their thanks to the management team for their work. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. The meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.

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Board Signature: **Andy Lintz**
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