



**Montana Digital Academy Governing Board Meeting
August 9, 2021**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Members:

Chair Joel Graves, Principal, Lincoln County High School
Luke Muszkiewicz, Chair, Board of Trustees, Helena School District No.1
Brock Tessman, Deputy Commissioner, Academic, Research & Student Affairs, Office of the
Commissioner of Higher Education

Staff:

Robert Currie, Executive Director, MTDA
Jason Neiffer, Assistant Director/Curriculum Director, MTDA
Mike Agostinelli, Instructional Program Director, MTDA
Christen Cole, Instructional Registrar, MTDA
Mary Ellen Currie, Budget and Data Manager, MTDA
Ryan Schrenk, EdReady Program Manager, MTDA
Jason Leonard, EdReady Instructional Registrar, MTDA
Virg Hale, EdReady Lead Ambassador
Jodie Hirsch, Instructional Projects Coordinator

Members & Staff Absent:

Anthony Lapke, Vice-Chair, Teacher, Glacier High School
Adrea Lawrence, Dean, Phyllis J. Washington College of Education, University of Montana
Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

Guests:

Megan Morris, Kaleva Law Firm
McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Montana Board of Public Education
Diane Fladmo, MFPE

Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Chair Graves at 2:30 p.m.

Approve minutes from June 14, 2021 Meeting:

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Board Member Muszkiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting. Board Member Lapke seconded the motion. Chair Graves called for approval—unanimous.

Approve Expenditures through July 31, 2021:

Board Member Tessman made a motion to approve the expenditure report. Board Member Muszkiewicz seconded the motion. Following discussion, Chair Graves called for approval—unanimous.

Approve MTDA Fee Agreement with Schools:

Board Member Muszkiewicz made a motion to approve the MTDA Fee Agreement as presented to the Board and Board Member Tessman seconded the motion. Chairman Graves noted that there had been a lot of discussion on this previously but asked for any further comments from the Board. Board Member Tessman said he would like to express his appreciation for the earlier conversation surrounding dual enrollment through the Digital Academy and the agreement to hold off on charging the course sharing fee for courses that involved college credit. He thanked the staff for making that adjustment. Chair Graves added that he currently sits on three different boards and it's not often that a Board can have this much discussion and dialogue on an issue that could be contentious and he indicated his appreciation for the ability to work through this in a positive manner. He commended the MTDA staff for having done a great job developing relevant factual materials for the Board. Following discussion, Chair Graves called for approval – unanimous.

Adjournment: Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Future Board Meeting Dates for the 2019-2020 School Year:

October 11, 2021
November 8, 2021
January 10, 2022
March 8, 2022
April 12, 2022
May 10, 2022
June 14, 2022

(Meeting Time 2:30 - 3:30 PM MST)



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