



**Montana Digital Academy Governing Board Meeting
December 13, 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
Anthony Lapke, Vice-Chair, Teacher, Glacier High School
Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction
Adrea Lawrence, Dean, Phyllis J. Washington College of Education, University of Montana

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
Julia Troisi, Administrative Associate

Members & Staff Absent:

Guests:

Call to order:

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

Approve minutes of November 8, 2021 Meeting:

Member Luke Muszkiewicz moved to approve the minutes, Member Sharyl Allen Seconded. November minutes approved unanimously.

Board Recruitment/Interview Committee Recommendation for Executive Director for MTDA

Chair Joel Graves discussed the timeline of the Executive Director recruitment process.

Chair Graves asked Jason Neiffer to review some his answers to questions from the interview with the interview committee.

Vice Chair Anthony Lapke Moved to approve the selection of Jason Neiffer for Executive Director. Seconded by Member Allen.

Member Muszkiewicz commented on the fidelity of the process and said he would be supporting the motion.

Instructional Program Director Mike Agostinelli complemented Chair Graves for the inclusion of the staff on the process.

Member Brock Tessman commented on rigor of the process and said he would vote in favor of the motion.

Chair Graves thanked MTDA Budget and Data Mary Ellen Currie for her hard work in assisting in the search.

Chair Graves called for approval —unanimous.

Executive Director Bob Currie thanked Chair Graves and the board.

Adjourn

Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m