



**Montana Digital Academy Governing Board Meeting
November 8, 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

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:

Adrea Lawrence, Dean, Phyllis J. Washington College of Education, University of Montana

Guests:

Flynn McCall

Call to order:

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

Approve minutes of October 11, 2021 Meeting:

Vice-Chair Anthony Lapke moved to approve the minutes, Member Luke Muszkiewicz Seconded. October minutes approved unanimously.

Approve Expenditures through October 31, 2021:

Member Luke Muszkiewicz moved to approve the expenditures through October 31, Vice Chair Anthony Lapke seconded motion. Following discussion, Chair Graves called for approval—unanimous.

Update - Search Process for Executive Director:

Chair Graves explained the timeline for the recruitment and interview process for the Executive Director position. He indicated that he has assembled the committee that will conduct the recruitment, screening and interviewing of applicants. The committee will consist of Chair Graves, Board Members, Lawrence and Muszkiewicz and MTDA administrative team members Agostinelli and Schrenk. He also noted that MTDA will be using the University of Montana hiring process as this and all MTDA positions are UM employees. The ED position has been posted and the committee will soon begin the application review and screening process. Chair Graves also stated that the goal will be to have the Board approve the selection of the next Executive Director at a special December 13, 2021 meeting with December 20, 2021 being held as a backup if necessary.

Adjourn

Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m