



**Montana Digital Academy Governing Board Meeting  
March 8, 2021**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

**Members:**

Chairman Joel Graves, Principal, Lincoln County High School  
Anthony Lapke, Vice-Chair, Teacher, Glacier High School  
Adrea Lawrence, Dean, Phyllis J. Washington College of Education, University of Montana  
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

**Members & Staff Absent:**

Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

**Guests:**

Marco Ferro

**Call to order:**

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

**Approve minutes from January 11, 2021 Meeting:**

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Board Member Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting. Board Member Lapke seconded the motion. Chairman Graves called for approval—unanimous.

**Approve Expenditures through February 28, 2021:**

### **Approve Expenditures through February 28, 2021:**

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

### **MTDA Legislative Priorities**

Executive Director Currie reviewed several legislative actions and pending bills. These included the executive action taken in the Joint Education Appropriation Committee where funding was approved for MTDA to develop American Indian Language and Culture (\$80K) as well Dual Credit and Career Technical Courses (\$130K). The Committee also approved executive action of a 1.5% increase on the base for increased technology services costs.

### **New MTDA Governing Board Member Recommendation**

Chairman Graves informed the Board that Executive Director Currie has recommended Luke Muszkiewicz of Helena to the Governing Board to fill the vacant seat that is designated for a local board of education member. Luke is currently the Chair of the Board of Trustees for Helen School Board No.1. Chair Graves called for a motion to approve the recommendation of Luke to the Board. Board member Tessman made the motion and Board member Lapke seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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

**May 10, 2021**

**June 14, 2021**

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



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