



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee May 3, 2024

An Academic Affairs Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University was held on May 3, 2024. The meeting was convened at 9:15 a.m. by Chair Lisa Fittante.

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Lisa Fittante, Chair  
Mr. Steven Lindberg, Mr. Greg Toutant  
Mr. Stephen Young, Chair of the Board of Trustees and ex officio  
Dr. Brock Tessman, President and ex officio  
Dr. Anne Dahlman, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs and ex-officio

**The Committee received informational reports/presentations on the following:**

Academic Senate  
Charter Schools  
UpLink  
New Programs

**The Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following:**

After a motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the reauthorization of East Shore Leadership Academy Public School Academy (ESLA) for a term of five (5) years, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029. This motion is part of the formal recommendations.

After a motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the reauthorization of Francis Reh Academy Public School Academy (FRA) for a term of five (5) years, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029.

After a motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the reauthorization of George Crockett Academy Public School Academy (GCA) for an initial term of two (2) years, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026, with an opportunity to add not more than three (3) additional years upon satisfying contractual obligations as established by the CSO

Director. If all criteria set forth in the contract are met, the contract will automatically extend for the additional three (3) years through June 30, 2029.

After a motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the reauthorization of North Star Montessori Academy Public School Academy (NSMA) for an initial term of two (2) years, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026, with an opportunity to add not more than three (3) additional years upon satisfying contractual obligations as established by the CSO Director. If all criteria set forth in the contract are met, the contract will automatically extend for the additional three (3) years through June 30, 2029.

**The Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following:**

After a motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees approval of the following new charter school Board appointments:

Francis Reh Public School Academy  
Jimmy Greene, through June 30, 2027

Nah Tah Wahsh Public School Academy  
Tessa Keshick, through June 30, 2025

**The Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following:**

After a motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees approval of the following programs: Cannabis Agriculture Certificate. This new program is effective Fall of 2024. This motion is part of the formal recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Lisa Fittante, Chair