



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes

Friday, May 2, 2025

An Academic Affairs Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University was held on May 2, 2025. The meeting was convened at 8:33 a.m. by Chair Steve Lindberg.

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Steve Lindberg, Chair
Ms. Venus Joy Brown, Ms. Brigitte R. LaPointe-Dunham, Mr. Greg Toutant,
Mr. Gregory J. Seppanen
Mr. Stephen Young, Chair of the Board of Trustees and ex officio
Dr. Brock Tessman, President and ex officio

The Committee received informational reports/presentations on the following:

Academic Senate
Charter Schools
New Academic Programs
Forensic Science

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

After a motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following new programs which are included in the formal recommendations:

- Early Childhood Education Teacher Certification Program- Birth-Kindergarten, Bachelor of Science
- Cannabis and Plant-Based Wellness Operations, Bachelor of Applied Science
- Psychology, Associate of Science
- Sustainability, Master of Science

After a motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve renewal of contract with the following charter schools which are included in the formal recommendations:

- JKL Bahweting Public School Academy for a term of five years, from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030
- Nah Tah Wahsh Public School Academy for a term of five years, from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030

After a motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following charter schools board appointments which are included in the formal recommendations:

- **North Star Montessori Academy**
- Marguerite Guter Expiration date: June 30, 2027
- Jessica Pfitzer Expiration date: June 30, 2028
- Derek Pugh Expiration date: June 30, 2028

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steve Lindberg, Chair