

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 16
DATE:
June 19, 2012

**RECOMMENDATION**

**APPOINTMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS BOARD MEMBERS**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents appoint Carolyn Neal, John Shumate and Marcella Bell to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Academy for Business and Technology; Mary Packard to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Ann Arbor Learning Community; Rosielee Hurst to a two-year term and Elizabeth Ochalek and Kecia Harper to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Gaudior Academy; Fredrick Cheek, Thomas Riutta and Alyssa Stewart to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of Grand Blanc Academy; Sandra Rolle and Ethan Vinson to three-year terms and Lennox Reid, Bettie Shaw-Henderson and Rashun Washington to two-year terms on the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Academy; Angela Polk, Deborah Nowlin-Swartz and Vera Hurt to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of Hope Academy; Misha Helvey to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Commonwealth Community Development Academy and Rumell McDowell to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Dr. Joseph F. Pollack Academic Center of Excellence (PACE). These board appointments are ratifications of recent exigent appointments made by the Charter Schools Office and approved by Chairman Wilbanks on June 4, 2012.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

According to the resolutions which establish these public school academies (charter schools), vacancies on the Boards of Directors shall be filled by the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents.

**Academy for Business and Technology**

Marcella Bell is a parent of three children who attend ABT. She has earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing major/Management minor from Baker College of Allen Park, MI graduated in 3/2011. She is a previous employee of Ford Motor Company in both Flat Rock and Monroe, MI from 1997-2007.

Carolyn Neal is currently serving on the Board of ABT. She has been employed at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan since 1979 where she is currently a senior clerk in claims membership administration. She has attended Detroit College of Business and Wayne County Community College. Neal has a child attending the Academy for Business and Technology.

John Shumate is retired from Chrysler Corporation, having worked for 44 years. He worked on the line, performed material functions, and later served as a team leader for a maintenance crew of five workers. During that time he earned an associates degree in Science and English from a community college. He is a proud veteran of the United States Navy from 1969-1971. He volunteers at St. Bonaventure and St. Peter Claver church.

### **Ann Arbor Learning Community**

Mary Packard is currently serving on the AALC Board since 2009. She is a speech language therapist. She has been employed in her field at Wayne State University, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Public Schools and is currently working at Pediatric Therapy Associates. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, speech and hearing sciences, from the University of Michigan in 1986 and a Master of Science degree in communicative disorders from the University of Michigan in 1987. Packard is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. In addition, she is a parent advocate in special education.

### **Commonwealth Community Development Academy**

Misha Helvey is presently serving on the Commonwealth Board. She is vice president of sales and marketing for Real Times Media in Detroit. Previous to this position, she was a senior account manager for Radio One, Inc. in Detroit, where she worked for 10 years. She has served on the Commonwealth Academy Board of Directors since 2002. Helvey is a member of the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Corporation for Artistic Development, the Adcraft Club of Detroit, and a lifetime member of the NAACP. In 1991 she was awarded the Minority Business Award sponsored by WDIV-TV4. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Michigan State University in 1985.

### **Gaudior Academy**

Kecia Harper-Edmond is a CAD support technician at AKT Peerless in Farmington Hills. She was employed as a CAD operator at Testing Engineers and Consultants, Inc. in Troy and Atwell-Hicks in Ann Arbor. Harper-Edmond attended Wayne County Community College and the Electronic Servicing Institute in Taylor. She is seeking reappointment to the Gaudior Academy Board of Directors.

Rosielee Hurst currently is employed as an Administrative Analyst for the State of Michigan; Department of Human Services. She previously worked as a Second Step Consultant for Detroit Public School; Department of Student Support Program. Hurst earned a Master of Arts in Social Foundation of Education as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work both from Eastern Michigan University.

Elizabeth Ochalek presently works as a Senior Actuarial/Financial Analyst for UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust in Detroit, MI. She did Post-Graduate studies for CFP exam at Oakland University, Master of Business Administration in Finance Concentration at University of Detroit, Post-Graduate studies for CPA exam at Walsh College of Accountancy and Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Math/Music from Michigan State University. Ochalek was in the MSU Alumni Association, was the Treasurer for GM Affinity Goup of Women and fund raiser for Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarships for Beaumont Foundation.

### **Grand Blanc Academy**

Fredrick Cheek is the President/CEO of YMCA of Greater Flint camp Copneconic in Fenton, MI. Cheek has a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Administration from Western Michigan University with a minor in Gerontology. He is a member of the Association of Professional Directors of YMCAs and has a Senior Director Certification at YMCA. He was a former Vice President & Treasurer, Certified Director of the American Camping Association.

Thomas Riutta is a retired school superintendent who has worked for the Lakeville Community School District, Gibraltar Schools, Linden Community Schools, Almont Community Schools, Allen Park Public Schools and Mt. Morris Public Schools. Riutta earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana in 1962 and a Master of Arts degree in community school education from Eastern Michigan University in 1968. Riutta resides in Brighton. He is seeking reappointment to the Grand Blanc Academy Board.

Alyssa Stewart has served on the GBA Board since 2009. She is a Math Instructor for Mott Community College/Baker College in Flint, MI. She has earned degrees of Master of Arts in Mathematics from Oakland University, Rochester, MI and Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems Technology from Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN.

### **Great Lakes Academy**

Lennox Reid is currently a maintenance technician at Spring Lake Village Apartments in Pontiac, MI. He is honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force. He has a diploma for HVAC certification from Interactive College of Technology in Chamblee, GA.

Sandra Rolle has served on the GLA Board since 2009. Rolle is the Owner/Director of Precious Child Learning Center. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Education Management from Norfolk State University, as well as Associate degrees in General Education and Early Childhood Development from Oakland Community College. She is a member of the National Associate of Female Executives, Black Professional and Business Women-Southfield Chapter, Child Care Council of Michigan-Pontiac Chapter, and Welcome Missionary Baptist Church.

Bettie Shaw-Henderson has retired after 36 years from Deputy Director of Michigan Rehabilitation Services for the State of Michigan. She has earned both her Master of Arts in Guidance & Counseling and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice & Psychology from University of Detroit, MI.

Ethan Vinson served on the GLA Board since 2009. He is a law partner at Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, P.L.C., in Livonia, MI. He received a Juris Doctorate Degree from University of Detroit School of Law. He earned both his Master and Bachelor degrees in Political Science at Western Michigan University.

Rashun Washington has an Accelerated Bachelor of Administration from Baker College graduated in 2012. She has worked as an underwriter from 1997-2003 for Flagstar Bank in Troy, MI and from 2003-2008 for PMI Group, Inc., in Troy, MI. She has served on the Board for PCO Great Lakes Academy from 2010-2012.

### **Hope Academy**

Angela Polk is a Program Manager for Ford Motor Company Fund in Dearborn, MI. She earned a Master of Community Development degree from University of Detroit Mercy as well as a Bachelor of Science in Humanities degree from Lawrence Technological University. Polk is a

Board Director of West Grand Boulevard Collaborative and of Virginia Park Community Investment Associates, Inc.

Vera Hurt is a retired Science School Teacher from Chandler Park Academy in Detroit Public School System as well as Palm Beach County Florida School System. She has earned a Master of Education Degree and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University. Also she has Post-Graduate Studies from both Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University as well as an ESOL Certificate from Florida Atlantic University.

Deborah Nowlin-Swartz is a parent of a child who attends Hope Academy. She currently works as a Performance Evaluation Specialist at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan in Detroit, MI since 1978. She has her high school diploma from Southeastern High School in Detroit, MI.

**Dr. Joseph F. Pollack Academic Center of Excellence (PACE)**

Rumell McDowell has served on the PACE Board since 2009. He is an Executive Loan Officer for Capital Mortgage Funding in Southfield, MI. He attended St. Clair County Community College-Math & Science, Wayne State University-Pre Med/Liberal Arts and College for Creative Studies-Graphic Communications/Creative Writing. He is a Church Regional Deacon and a Christian disciple of the Detroit Church of Christ.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

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University Executive Officer  
Provost and Vice President

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