

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 15
DATE:
October 13, 2015

**RECOMMENDATION**

**APPOINTMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS BOARD MEMBERS**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents re-appoint Marcella Bell to a three year term and appoint Belda Garza to a three year term to the Board of Directors of Academy for Business and Technology; re-appoint Curtis Robinson to a three year term to the Board of Directors of Commonwealth Community Development Academy; re-appoint Denise Bennett and Floyd Jean Webb to three year terms to the Board of Directors of the Joseph F. Pollack Academic Center of Excellence.

**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 retired from Ford Motor Company in both Flat Rock and Monroe, Michigan. She has earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing major/Management minor from Baker College of Allen Park, Michigan. She is a parent of three children who attend the Academy for Business and Technology. This is a re-appointment.

Belda Garza is retired from the management team at PMA Consultants LLC in Detroit, Michigan. She worked as an Assistant Executive Director for the Michigan Metro Girl Scouts for 16 years. She worked as a community specialist for the Federal Government on the 2010 Census in 2009. She graduated from Western High School and attended Wayne State University's Center for Chicano and Boricua Studies. She was board member on the Detroit School Board in 2002-2005. She served two years as Commissioner on the State Commission of Spanish Speaking Affairs. She served on the City of Detroit Work Force Development Board, Sinai Grace Hospital Board of Trustees, Vice President of Patriotic Committee and Vice Chair of Southwest Detroit Development Collaborative in 2002. She served for two years as State Representative of South West Detroit Michigan Legislature in 1998.

**Commonwealth Community Development Academy**

Curtis Robinson is a retired Ford Motor Company employee having worked there for 35 years as a Financial Executive. He studied Agri-Business at Tuskegee University and studied Accounting

at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan. He volunteers his time with organizations such as the Junior Achievement, Adopt-A-Child, and NAACP. He has served on the Board of Directors of Commonwealth Community Development Academy since 2005. This is a re-appointment.

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

Denise Bennett is the President/CEO of Bennett & Associates LLC in Detroit, MI since 2002. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Mercy College of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Bennett has previously served as an executive board member for The Academy of Westland Charter School. She has also served on the board of the Lawton Career Institute. In addition, Ms. Bennett has served as a volunteer with the Volunteer Income Tax Association (VITA) program, Accounting Aide Society and Association of Women Accountants.

Floyd Jean Webb is a retired Curriculum Leader-Department Head from Frederick Douglass High School & Academy. She has a Master of Art degree in Family and Consumer Resources from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, a Post degree in Child Development from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from Miles College in Birmingham, Alabama. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

**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

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Date

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### **OBJECTIVE**

To obtain an entry level position in the marketing or management field to ensure company success

### **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Business Administration, 03/2011**

**Major: Marketing/ Minor: Management**

*Baker College, Allen Park, MI*

- Dean's List and President's List Recipient

**Associate of Business**

**Major: Marketing**

*Baker College, Allen Park, MI*

- Dean's List Recipient

**Events Intern, 6/2008 – 9/2008**

*Metro Parent Publishing Group, Ferndale, MI*

- Organized information on Microsoft Excel spreadsheets
- Complied and delivered press kits to local media representatives
- Researched for future events and aided in the PR and Marketing work associated with events
- Assisted with the set-up and tear-down of the events
- Performed demographic research to ensure event success

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**Production Worker/ FPS Work Group Leader, 06/2004 – 01/2007**

*Auto Alliance International (Ford Motor Company), Flat Rock, MI*

- Assembled engine and related transmission parts
- Resolved work place concerns to ensure productive work flow
- Served as liaison between team members and management
- Input safety concerns into internal system to ensure compliance
- Conducted weekly meetings to promote safety, quality, and ergonomics

**Production Worker, 3/1997 -6/2004**

*Ford Motor Company (Monroe Stamping Plant), Monroe, MI*

- Assembled car parts
- Assessed car parts to ensure quality
- Operated machinery and performed routine maintenance

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## BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE

*Born in Mexico City, Mexico, Belda Garza came to the United States at the age of 8. Belda grew up in South West Detroit, where she attended Detroit Public Schools, graduated from Western High School and attended Wayne State University. Belda's passion in serving her community and working with youth is evident in the job and volunteer positions she has held.*

*For 16 year she worked with Michigan Metro Girl Scouts as Assistant Executive Director. One of her responsibilities included administering the award winning Latino Program providing scouting opportunities to well over 3,000 girls in Southwest Detroit.*

*Belda is a Founding Member of MANA de Metro de Detroit, the Detroit and the Hispanic Development Corporation. Both organizations have awarded Belda their outstanding leadership awards for her many years of service.*

*In 1998 Belda made Michigan legislative history by becoming the first Hispanic Democrat ever elected to the Michigan Legislature. Belda represented South West Detroit for two terms as a State Representative.*

*In 2002 The Mayor of the City of Detroit, appointed Belda to the Detroit School Board, where she served for three years. She was appointment by the Governor of Michigan, Jennifer Granholm, to the State Commission of Spanish Speaking Affairs serving two years as a commissioner. Belda served on the City of Detroit Work Force Development Board, Sinai Grace Hospital Board of Trustees, Vice President Patriotic Committee, Vice Chair of Southwest Detroit Development Collaborative,*

*In 2003 Belda became a member of the Management team at PMA Consultants LLC at PMA she worked on the City of Detroit 800 MHz Project she also worked governmental relationship for the company.*

*In 2009 Belda went to work for the Federal government as community specialist for 2010 Census working with the Corporate Community  
To secure a successful 2010 Census*

*Because of her experience in social and political issues, Belda has represented the City and State at several conferences sponsored by The Mexican Government.*

*At the National Level, Belda served two terms on the National Board of MANA and has received the prestigious Las Primeras Award.*

*In 2012 Belda retired but continues to devote her time volunteering as LASED Board Member, Member of the Coalition of Hispanic Agencies (CHA) Chair of the Cinco de Mayo Parade and as President of MANA DE METRO DETROIT*

*Curtis Warren Robinson, Sr.  
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Warren, MI 48092  
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### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

*Perform accounting and tax services for selected clients. Advise on preparation of Business plans and budgets for the clients.*

*Retired from Ford Customer and Service Division, Ford Motor Company, Livonia, Michigan on January 1, 2006 after 34.5 years of service.*

*Work experience included supervisor and manager in Parts Supply and Logistics Accounting. Manager of an accounting contractor, Automated Media, Inc. Managed budget of \$1.5 billion. Electronic supplier payments and audit responsibilities for purchases from 125 supplier sites for approximately 25,000 service part numbers shipped to over 5000 Ford and Lincoln Mercury Dealers in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Also responsible for review of Departmental Expenses and Budget for Headcount for the manager of Supply Chain and Logistics Department.*

*Other Ford experiences in prior years have included work in various financial positions to include accounts receivable, accounts payables, inventory accounting, budgets and analysis and accounting systems.*

### **VOLUNTEERISM AND LEADERSHIP**

*Performed Community Service with Ford Motor Company, Junior Achievement, Adopt-A-Child, NAACP, Tuskegee Alumni and Member of Association of Manufacturing Accountants.*

*Board of Directors for Commonwealth Development Academy.*

### **EDUCATION**

*Agri-Business, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama.  
Accounting and Systems Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, Michigan.*

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## Denise Greenwood Bennett

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### Experience

**Sole Proprietor – Bennett & Associates, LLC** Nov 2002 – present

#### **Accountant**

- Full service Accounting and Bookkeeping Services including payroll utilizing Accountants Relief, QuickBooks and Microsoft office software. Individual and small business tax returns with Ultra Tax, Pro Series and Turbo Tax software. Notary Services. Experienced with all Micro Soft Applications.

**Lear Corp** – through Dickson Associates Nov 2005 – Dec 2005

- Trade Sales Division. Audited and analyzed trade sales transactions. Reviewed and Audited third party billings and payments.

**LDMI- Talk America** through Dickson Associates June 2005 – Sept 2005

Reviewed and analyzed customer accounts for discrepancies and refunds.

**DTE Energy** - through Dickson Associates. Nov 2004 – March 2005

#### **Auditor**

- Audited, reviewed and updated DTE and Mich Con Gas vendor's accounts and history to meet Sarbanes Oxley tax requirements.

**Accounting & Tax Counselors** Aug 2003 –2005

Jan 2006 – Present – special assignments only

#### **Senior Accountant**

- Prepared general ledger, financials and reconciliations for clients of a small CPA firm
- Prepared business and individual tax returns and quarterly reporting with QuickBooks, Accountants Relief and Ultra Tax software packages.

**Franklin Wright Settlement** Feb 2003 – Aug 2003 (Special project)

#### **Accountant/Auditor**

- Audited and reconciled funding and disbursement accounts for several units of a non-profit center

**Ford Motor Company**, through Kelly Automotive, Dearborn, MI

#### **Intercompany Analyst** March 2001 -Nov 2002

- Reconciliation of over 50 inter-company payable accounts.
- Prepared monthly settlement payments by wire, netting, CCAPS and MICS transactions.
- Prepared journal entries to balance payable and receivable accounts.
- Confirm payable balance at month end prepare unaudited entries for out of balances and currency corrections.

**Lear Corporation**, through Robert Half Associates, Southfield, MI

#### **Payroll Accountant** September 2000 - March 2001

- Prepared year-end tax statements. Adjusted federal, state and local tax statements
- Calculated employee moving expense gross-ups and corrected W-2's.
- Reconciled weekly payroll journal entries for multiple manufacturing plants in multiple states

**American Communications Network**, through Dickson Associates, Troy, MI

#### **Accounts Payable Manager:** April 2000 - September 2000

- Directed and supervised 3 accounts payable analysts.

- Processed disbursements for multiple operations. Reviewed and approved all disbursements. Reconciled all disbursements for banking operation.
- Reconciled and balanced Accounts Payable sub accounts to ledger for multiple operations.

**Harada Industry of America, Inc.,** Novi, MI (lay-offs)

**Assistant Accounting Manager** November 1998 - February 2000

- Produced financial reports and budgets.
- Consolidated statements, various reports related to; internal meetings, inter-company management request and tax returns.
- Responsible for the closing of month/year end operations.
- Supervised the daily operations of the financial department;
- Accounts payable, reviewed and approved invoice, E/R for reconciliation and vouchers.
  - Supervised Cash/Banking and loans, approved J/E/ for input,
  - Prepared cost analysis for accounting, inventory reports and J/E.
  - Managed balance Sheet Analyst; reviewed general ledger reconciliation.

**TRW Transportation Electronics Division,** Farmington Hills, MI

October 1980 -September 1998

**Accounting/ Payroll Supervisor** March 1987- September, 1998

- Responsibilities included General Ledger maintenance, coordination of all journal entries for month end closing; maintained Chart of Accounts; analysis of month end reports and forecasts with Division Controller and Project Managers.
- Prepared and balanced month end Trial balance reports for on-line transmission to the corporate office.
- Prepared payroll for three (3) operating units in excess of 700 employees.
- Project planning for the implementation of system conversion to SAP for a shared service center; cost reporting for upgrades and conversion forecast, variance analysis, parallel testing of conversion material.

**Payroll Accountant** November 1982 - March 1987

- Prepared annual, quarterly and monthly reports.
- Performed salary and fringe inter-division transfers, forecasting and 401K processing.
- Prepared fringe and withholding reports for corporate staff, in preparation of employees' (W-2) tax forms.

**Accounts Payable Clerk** October 1980 - November 1982

- Administered and processed all accounts payable functions.
- Performed Monthly reconciliation of accounts payable and un-audited liabilities, and account analysis as required.

**Education**

Mercy College of Detroit. **Bachelor of Science Degree (Accounting)** 1987

Additional, Accounting and Business writing courses.

Tax seminars - Michigan State University and University of Michigan

Walsh College - Additional Business Classes

References available upon request

**FLOYD JEAN NELSON WEBB**

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**WORK HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE**

- 1998-2001      **Gifted & Talented Coordinator**  
Summer School Program  
Henry Ford High School Detroit Mi.
- 2002-2005      Frederick Douglass High School & Academy  
**Department Chairperson & Curriculum Leader**
- 1986-2002      Detroit Board of Education  
Vocational & Fine Arts **Chairperson**  
@ Henry Ford High School Detroit, Mi.
- 1979 -1986      **Teacher**  
Detroit Board of Education Detroit, Mi.  
Home Economics  
@ Henry Ford High School
- 1965-1979      **Teacher**  
Detroit Board of Education Detroit, Mi  
Home Economics  
@ Kettering High School
- 1963-1964      **Sales Manager**  
J.L. Hudson Northland ,Southfield Mi.
- 1961 -1963      **Substitute Teacher**  
Fairfield, Bessemer, Birmingham Alabama School Districts

**EDUCATION**

- 1957-1961      Miles College  
Birmingham, Alabama  
**(BS)** Home Economics
- 1963-1964      Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan  
**Post Degree** Child Development
- 1973-1976      Wayne State University



Detroit, Michigan  
(M.A)-Family and Consumer Resources

1991-1993 Wayne State University  
Detroit, Mich.  
Secondary Administration & Supervision , **Education Specialist**

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Phi Beta Kappa—Wayne State University  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc  
American Vocational Association  
Michigan Vocational Association  
MLME Michigan Life Management Education  
Vocational Certified-Life Management Education ,Family and  
Consumer Services  
Southeastern Oakland County NAACP

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chairperson Program Status Inquiry. Michigan Department of  
Career Development

Chairperson- Civil Rights compliance for Henry Ford High School

Chairperson Instructional Material Workshop for Detroit Public  
Schools

Member NCA (Transition Model) Workshop

### INTEREST(S)

Computers, Clothing & Design ,Sewing ,Singing ,Traveling and  
Reading.