

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 15

DATE:

June 17, 2008

RECOMMENDATION

APPOINTMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS BOARD MEMBERS

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents appoint Bernard Geter to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Academy for Business and Technology; Karen Tyree to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Ann Arbor Learning Community; Richard Hamme, Curtis Robinson and Cynthia Smith to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of Commonwealth Academy; Mia Bennett and LaMara Hawkins to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of Edison Oakland Academy; Peter Sinclair and Curtis Wood to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of Grand Blanc Academy; Theresa Styles to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Academy; and Randy McNeil to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Hope Academy.

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

Bernard Geter is a self-employed insurance agent. He has worked in finance for Waddell & Reed as well as Aon Consulting, both located in Southfield. Geter is a senior at Kentucky State University working on completing his degree in public administration. He is seeking re-nomination to the Board of Directors of the Academy for Business and Technology. His memberships include Phi Beta Lambda fraternity and the Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rite Freemasons.

Ann Arbor Learning Community

Karen Tyree is the chief operating officer for Fry, Inc., Ann Arbor, where she is responsible for capital planning, forecasting and contract negotiations. Prior to this, she was employed at Primeoutlets.com in Baltimore, Maryland and the Borders Group, Ann Arbor. Tyree earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Radford University, Virginia, and a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Commonwealth Academy

Richard Hamme is an insurance claims agent with State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company in Detroit and has worked in this capacity since 1996. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is seeking renomination to the Board of Directors having completed his first three-year term.

Curtis Robinson is retired from Ford Motor Company, Customer and Service Division, in Livonia after 35 years of service. He currently performs accounting and tax services for selected clients. He attended Tuskegee University in Alabama and Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Robinson has volunteered his time with Junior Achievement, NAACP, and Adopt-A-Child. He is a member of the Association of Manufacturing Accountants.

Cynthia Smith is a branch manager and vice president for National City Bank in Oak Park where she manages the profitability and growth of this office. Smith has been employed at National City Bank since 1992 and began her career as a consumer banking specialist. She has served on the Board of Directors of Commonwealth Academy for the past three years.

Edison Oakland Academy

Mia Bennett is president and owner of Peyton Accounting in Oak Park. In addition, she is a portfolio manager and research director for Union Heritage Capital Management in Detroit. Bennett also worked for the Kmart Corporation, Troy, and the Henry Ford Health System. Bennett is a Certified Public Accountant and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University, Detroit.

LaMara Hawkins is a banker with JP Morgan Chase Bank in Troy where she has been employed since January 2008. She also works at Michigan First Credit Union in Lathrup Village as a financial representative and teller. Hawkins earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Wayne State University in 2007.

Grand Blanc Academy

Peter Sinclair is employed at Georgetown Logistics-Flint Recycling in Saginaw. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University in 1969. Sinclair has served on the Grand Blanc Academy Board of Directors for several years and will begin his third term of office. He is a member of the YMCA of Flint and the Linden School Board.

Curtis Wood is a purchasing manager at Faurecia Automotive Seating in Troy. Prior to this he was employed with the Behr Group in Troy and the Dana Corporation in Rochester Hills. Wood has spent the past 24 years working in global procurement and supply chain management. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in operations management at Penn State University. He has served on the Board of Directors for Grand Blanc Academy since 2002.

Great Lakes Academy

Theresa Styles is currently a doctoral student in education at Capella University, Minnesota. She has worked as a substitute teacher, labor/management administrator, tutor and researcher. Styles earned a Master in Business Administration degree in 2000 from the Keller Graduate School of Management as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from DeVry University, both in Atlanta, Georgia.

Hope Academy

Randy McNeil is president of the non-profit Youth Sports and Recreation Commission which serves the cities of Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck for the Skillman Foundation. In this position, he secures funding, hires personnel, implements projects, and conducts recreational events and activities that serve the tri-city area. Prior to this, he was employed with the Highland Park YMCA as its district vice president and executive director. McNeil earned a Master of Business Administration degree in 1998 from the University of Phoenix, Southfield, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in computer science in 1991 from Wayne State University, Detroit. He is a member of the Michigan School Age Care Alliance Board and the State of Michigan School Age Credential Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

Donald Loppnow

June 17, 2008

University Executive Officer

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