



# GEAC July Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2020

## Committee Members

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9:05	<p>Review and Approval of June Minutes  Moved: Zeinab Chami  Second: Jeff Whittle  Discussion: Expansion of professional learning to include paraprofessionals. Add to August agenda.  Motion carries unanimously.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Yay</th> <th>Nay</th> <th>Abstain</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Ms. Zeinab Chami</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Ms. Eva Coleman</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Ms. Cara Lougheed</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mr. Anthony M. Greenburg</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Dr. Margaret Lincoln</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mrs. Cathy Longstreet</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mrs. Angela J. Pérez</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mr. Benedict L. Pineda</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Dr. Lisa R. Rivard</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Dr. Ramont M. Roberts (absent)</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Ms. Ruth J.L. Ryyananen (absent)</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Dr. Mandy R. Stewart</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mr. Gregory Talberg</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mr. Marcus A. Walton</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mr. Jeffrey C. Whittle</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Ms. Zeinab Chami	x			Ms. Eva Coleman	x			Ms. Cara Lougheed	x			Mr. Anthony M. Greenburg	x			Dr. Margaret Lincoln	x			Mrs. Cathy Longstreet	x			Mrs. Angela J. Pérez	x			Mr. Benedict L. Pineda	x			Dr. Lisa R. Rivard	x			Dr. Ramont M. Roberts (absent)				Ms. Ruth J.L. Ryyananen (absent)				Dr. Mandy R. Stewart	x			Mr. Gregory Talberg	x			Mr. Marcus A. Walton	x			Mr. Jeffrey C. Whittle	x		
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9:10	<p>New Appointment and Two Reappointments  Welcome Eva Coleman appointed through May 9, 2024.  Angela Perez reappointed through May 9, 2024.  Mandy Stewart reappointed through May 9, 2024.</p>																																																																
9:15	<p>Discussion and Approval of Social Justice Resolution  Move to table the approval of the Social Justice Resolution until later on the agenda.</p>																																																																

Moved by Jeff Whittle  
 Seconded by Lisa Rivard  
 Discussion:  
 Motion carries unanimously.

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9:25

Discussion and Approval of Social Justice Resources.

Distribution: Send to Governor's office, State Superintendent, and teachers. Propose eblast to district superintendents and bring back update in August. Share on social media – MDE and GEAC members, union membership. Gigi volunteers to curate. Send links to OEE social media.

Motion to approve the Social Justice Resources as ready for publication and communication to educators.

Moved by: Cara Lougheed

Seconded: by Gigi

Discussion: Releasing now is better than later. This is very significant work and timely.

Motion carries unanimously.

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10:27	<p>10 Minute Recess  Moved by Greg Talberg  Seconded by Jeff Whittle  Discussion:  Motion carries unanimously.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Yay</th> <th>Nay</th> <th>Abstain</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Ms. Zeinab Chami</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Ms. Eva Coleman</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Ms. Cara Lougheed</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mr. Anthony M. Greenburg</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Dr. Margaret Lincoln</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mrs. Cathy Longstreet</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mrs. Angela J. Pérez</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mr. Benedict L. Pineda</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Dr. Lisa R. Rivard</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Dr. Ramont M. Roberts (absent)</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Ms. Ruth J.L. Rynnanen</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Dr. Mandy R. Stewart</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mr. Gregory Talberg</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mr. Marcus A. Walton</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Mr. Jeffrey C. Whittle</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>				Name	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Ms. Zeinab Chami	x			Ms. Eva Coleman	x			Ms. Cara Lougheed	x			Mr. Anthony M. Greenburg	x			Dr. Margaret Lincoln	x			Mrs. Cathy Longstreet	x			Mrs. Angela J. Pérez	x			Mr. Benedict L. Pineda	x			Dr. Lisa R. Rivard	x			Dr. Ramont M. Roberts (absent)				Ms. Ruth J.L. Rynnanen	x			Dr. Mandy R. Stewart	x			Mr. Gregory Talberg	x			Mr. Marcus A. Walton	x			Mr. Jeffrey C. Whittle	x		
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10:37	<p>Discussion and Approval of Social Justice Resolution  Included Indigenous students.  Package together the resolution and resources. Could be paired together in one document or sit side-by-side. The resolution provides the reason for the resources.  Can make edits after the vote – would need to re-vote if substantial changes are made.  Many resolutions do not have footnotes of resources, but as educators, it is worth doing this here.  Could add them as hyperlinks for people to learn more about. Typically, resolutions don't include statistics – could either verify the statistics or change the wording to focus on the effort rather than the numbers. Removal of the numbers may make it longer lasting.  Zeinab will write and intro and grammar check.  Decision to include statistics. Decision to footnote sources.</p> <p>Move to accept the social justice proclamation with the caveat of it being data checked and updated to recent statistics.</p> <p>Moved by: Jeff Whittle  Seconded: Cathy Longstreet  Discussion: The action of actively opposing active racism is important. Thanks to Marcus to bringing this important work forward.  Motion carries unanimously.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Yay</th> <th>Nay</th> <th>Abstain</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Ms. Zeinab Chami</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Ms. Eva Coleman</td><td>x</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>				Name	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Ms. Zeinab Chami	x			Ms. Eva Coleman	x																																																						
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	Note for Dr. Rice? Have never been busier in preparing for the next school year, and never been hungrier – yes – I forgot about those notes. Glad you reminded me.			
	Discussion about communication. Council as first level of distribution – presentations, social media. Serve as ambassador for the work.			
10:52	August Meeting Discussion Decision to meet virtually in August. Cara's last meeting.			
10:53	<p>Discuss Released Return to Work Recommendation No next meeting scheduled yet. Greg solicited topics to take to the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Standardized testing. MDE put in a request to the Federal Government to waive testing for next year. Expect to hear in no less than 60 days and perhaps after election.</li> <li>-Thanks to Greg for going back and forth between both Councils and keeping GEAC updated. Also appreciate Leah's support.</li> <li>-Michigan Merit Flexibility for the class of 20-21. Not in the purview of the advisory council, but on the radar of leaders.</li> <li>-K-5 mask requirement – why was the decision made for no masks in a self-contained K-5 classroom? Are the teachers at a higher risk? Greg: the healthcare experts were concerned about compliance, the effectiveness of masks when worn incorrectly. Balance realities of classrooms with the dangers of the virus. Schools are able to have more strict requirements.</li> <li>-Discussion about summer school virtual vs. in-person. Most are online only. Some are blended.</li> <li>-Anti-mask political culture – Council discussed a PSA campaign to promote mask wearing. Council really focused on in-person and virtual instruction and the logistics that needed to take place to safely have in-person instruction.</li> <li>-Substitute teachers and educator shortage – Governor is aware that there is not enough personnel or money to do things the way we want.</li> <li>-Important to convey the importance of public education and appropriate funding.</li> </ul>			
11:15	<p>Student Representation Dr. Rice Note – Council is seeking to include student voice as part of the committee work by inviting students from around the state to participate and learn about education and policy.</p> <p>Governor didn't put a student representative in the EO, but we could invite a student from our buildings into our meetings. Interest kids into being teachers, education policy, public service. Students would be excited to be part of this. Consider groups of students (3) to keep them from being alone. Online may make this more feasible. Good to get them involved, learn about voting.</p> <p>Not sure with Open Meetings Act if we would need parent permissions or signatures. Note for Leah – would we have to do anything special? Students participate in SBE all the time?</p>			

Make an agenda item specifically for them to contribute. Safe way for them to be involved. Discuss how to rotate them, different students monthly? Stay on for 3 months? Public meeting – students can always join. Rotate the way the committee did locations. Greg invites committee members to send ideas to him directly.

11:28 Closing Notes  
 August meeting – use to plan, organized, committee work, next steps.

Gigi – Reflect in the minutes that a letter was sent to Governor Whitmer via Brandy Johnson the last week of May recognizing the work of the Governor on behalf of the state for supporting the education of all students.

Motion to Adjourn.

Moved: Ruth Ryyanen moves to adjourn  
 Second: Marcus Walton  
 Discussion:  
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