



International Academy Governance Council Meeting  
Hosted by Birmingham Public Schools  
31301 Evergreen Road | Beverly Hills, MI 48025  
November 13, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

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## **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

### **I. Call to Order**

#### **A. Call to Order**

The International Academy Governance Council meeting was called to order by Mr. Rick West, Superintendent of Bloomfield Hills School District at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

#### **B. Roll Call**

Members Present:

- Birmingham: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Superintendent
- Bloomfield Hills: Mr. Rick West, Superintendent
- Huron Valley: Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent
- Rochester: Mr. Nick Russo, Superintendent
- Troy: Dr. Richard Machesky, Superintendent

Member Districts Absent:

- Avondale, Berkley, Clawson, Lake Orion, Royal Oak, South Lyon, Waterford, West Bloomfield

Other Members of the Audience:

- Mr. Patrick Griffin, Principal, International Academy East
- Ms. Gaby Naus, Assistant Principal of International Academy East
- Ms. Joanne Juco, International Academy IB Coordinator
- Ms. Lynne Gibson, Head of School, Principal of International Academy Okma
- Mr. Anthony DeGrazia, Associate Principal of International Academy Okma.
- Mr. Ryan Parrott, Principal, International Academy West
- Mr. Keith McDonald, Deputy Superintendent, Bloomfield Hills
- Mrs. Kandice Moynihan, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Bloomfield Hills

#### **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **II. Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Dr. Embekka Roberson and supported by Dr. Machesky that the IA Governance Council approved the November 13, 2024 meeting agenda as presented.

Ayes: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Mr. Rick West, Dr. Paul Salah, Mr. Nick Russo, and  
Dr. Richard Machesky

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried 5 - 0

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Dr. Roberson and supported by Dr. Salah that the IA Governance Council approved the minutes from the September 11, 2024 meeting.

Ayes: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Mr. Rick West, Dr. Paul Salah, Mr. Nick Russo, and  
Dr. Richard Machesky

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried 5 - 0

### **IV. Public Comment (agenda items)**

There were no requests for public comment on agenda items.

### **V. Principal's Report**

Kristy Hessler shared her experiences being selected by the IB to help with mathematics curriculum and assessment development. Lynne Krutty shared what they did at the East campus on Kindness Day, as well as other ways students and staff demonstrate care for each other every day. Lynne Gibson shared updates on the parent/teacher conferences, enrollment nights and the IA's role in a research project with IB and OECD. Joanne Juco shared information about the TOK professional development and updates on the IA's progress as they prepare for the IB's evaluation visit in 2026.

### **VI. Budget Discussion**

It was moved by Dr. Machesky and supported by Dr. Roberson to accept the reimbursement proposal as presented for fiscal year 24-25 to account for 147a4 impact

Ayes: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Mr. Rick West, Dr. Paul Salah, Mr. Nick Russo, and  
Dr. Richard Machesky

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried 5 - 0

A future meeting agenda will include a discussion and proposal to amend the Consortium Agreement and specific bylaws (if necessary) regarding the financial timelines.

### **VII. Public Comment (non-agenda items)**

There were no requests for public comment on non-agenda items.

### **VIII. Other**

Upcoming meetings of the International Academy Governance Council for the 2024-25 school year are as follows:

- February 12, 2025, Hosted by Bloomfield
- April 9, 2025, Hosted by Bloomfield
- June 11, 2025, Hosted by Troy

**IX. Closed Session**

It was moved by Dr. Machesky and supported by Mr. Russo that the International Academy Governance Council convene a Closed Session per MCL 15.268 Section 8 (c), Collective Bargaining Strategy.

Ayes: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Mr. Rick West, Dr. Paul Salah, Mr. Nick Russo, and  
Dr. Richard Machesky

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried 5 - 0

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the closed session meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick West  
Superintendent, Bloomfield Hills Schools