



# GEAC December Meeting Minutes

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*December 18, 2019*

## Committee Members

☒ Zeinab Chami, ☒ Anthony Greenburg, ☒ Gigi Lincoln, ☒ Cathy Longstreet, ☒ Cara Lougheed, ☒ Anne Markey, ☒ Angela Pérez, ☒ Benedict Pineda, ☒ Lisa Rivard, ☒ Ramont Roberts, ☒ Ruth Rynanen, ☒ Mandy Stewart, ☒ Gregory Talberg, ☒ Marcus Walton, ☒ Jeffrey Whittle

Guests: Brandy Johnson, Office of the Governor; Tim Gleisner, Library of Michigan

Time	Item	Owner
9:42am	Call to Order	Greg Talberg
9:42	Public Comment No public comment.	Greg Talberg
9:43	Review and approval of November minutes and 2020 meeting calendar.  Motion to separate the approval of minutes from the calendar. Moved: Greg Talberg Second: Mandy Stewart Motion carries unanimously.  Motion to discuss November minutes. Moved: Greg Talberg Second: Zeinab Chami Motion carries unanimously.  Motion to approve November minutes. Moved: Greg Talberg Second: Lisa Rivard Motion carries unanimously.  Motion to discuss the 2020 meeting calendar. Moved: Ben Pineda Second: Greg Talberg Motion carries unanimously.  Motion to move the October 2020 meeting location to Saginaw. Moved: Greg Talberg Second: Marcus Walton Motion carries unanimously.	Greg Talberg
9:43	Consideration and approval of Vice-Chair  Motion to appoint Mandy Stewart as Vice-Chair.	Greg Talberg

	Moved: Greg Talberg Second: Lisa Rivard Motion carries unanimously.	
9:49	Motion to suspend the committee of the whole for sub-committee work.  Moved: Greg Talberg Second: Zeinab Chami Motion carries unanimously.	Subcommittee Chairs
11:30	lunch provided	
12:30pm	Committee of the Whole Reconvened.  Motion to approve the amended 2020 meeting calendar. Moved: Ruth Rynanen Second: Lisa Rivard Motion carries unanimously.	Greg Talberg
12:35	Presentation and adoption of Bylaws.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of attendance, ethical conduct and tele-meeting sections.</li> <li>• Review of procedures for reappointment. Email to <a href="mailto:appointments@michigan.gov">appointments@michigan.gov</a> "Hello, on the GEAC. My term is approaching renewal. I would like to be renewed." Recommend that individuals with the one-year term get send email in February. Takes about three months. Consider including the length of term you would like. If an individual would like to step down before the term ends use the same email. If a member would like to step off before the end of term – no action is required.</li> </ul> Moved: Jeff Whittle Second: Angela Perez Motion carries unanimously.	Mandy Stewart
1:00	Presentation and consideration of Poet Laureate Committee Proposal  Content of the draft poet laureate proposal was discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership with Library of Michigan; joint approval by MDE with a representative from the Gov's office</li> <li>• Michigan's Young People's Poet Laureate</li> <li>• Emphasis on appreciation of Michigan</li> <li>• Elevating student voice</li> <li>• Assisting with developing local youth programming</li> <li>• Two-year term</li> <li>• Help develop a timeline of events</li> <li>• Selection criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Desire to promote literacy</li> <li>○ Committed to actively promoting poetry with young people</li> <li>○ Exceptional talent in writing with emphasis on poetry</li> <li>○ Future generations of readers, writers, illustrators</li> <li>○ Substantial writing record and accolades</li> <li>○ Background checks</li> <li>○ Primary residency in Michigan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reimbursement for expenses and honorarium</li> <li>• Model available through The Poetry Magazine</li> </ul>	Lisa Rivard and Sub-Committee Members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please send recommendations for revision to the sub-committee in the next few days.</li> <li>• Contact info for Brandy: <a href="mailto:JohnsonB54@michigan.gov">JohnsonB54@michigan.gov</a></li> </ul>	
1:34	Recess. Motion: Jeff Whitte Second: Annie Markey Motion carries unanimously.	
1:46	Reconvene. Motion: Zeinab Chami Second: Jeff Whittle Motion carries unanimously.	
1:46	Presentation and consideration of Educator Retention Committee Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a paraprofessional career ladder.</li> <li>• Develop and fund educational careers programs (teacher cadet with emphasis on diverse candidates and/or urban districts)</li> <li>• Alternative pathways for teachers of color to participate in accelerated programs</li> <li>• Promote #proudMleducator and PMEChat at Colleges of Education</li> <li>• Provide scholarships for teachers of color.</li> <li>• Fund development of new teacher support programs.</li> <li>• Create statewide or countywide networks for teachers of color.</li> <li>• MDE partner with MEA &amp; AFT.</li> <li>• Expand and simplify debt forgiveness.</li> <li>• Reduce the role of standardized testing in education and evaluation.</li> <li>• Pathways to leadership for current educators of color.</li> </ul>	Zeinab Chami and Sub-Committee Members
2:45	General Committee Q & A	Greg Talberg
2:50	Wrap-Up and Adjourn Committee of the Whole  Moved: Mandy Stewart Second: Lisa Rivard Motion carries unanimously.	Subcommittee Chairs
Upcoming Meeting: January 17, 2020, Lansing, Michigan		