



**Voyageur Academy
Board of Directors**

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**Proposed Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

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**Reading of the Mission,
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Statement**

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Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve the June 17, 2025 Budget Hearing Meeting Agenda
Moved by Benning, supported by Smith
Yes - 7 No - 0

Discussion Items

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Call to Public

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 6:42 pm

Moved by Benning, supported by Williams

Yes – 7

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Board Meeting

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- Add Line Item 4 - MHAA Membership

Action Items

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Agenda Amendments Approval

Motion to Adopt the June 17, 2025 Agenda Amendments

Moved by Smith, supported by Washington

Yes - 7

No - 0

Consent Items

Motion to Approve the May 20, 2025 Proposed Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Benning, supported by Smith

Yes – 7

No - 0

Motion to Approve the May 31, 2025 Special Board Retreat Minutes

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Correspondence

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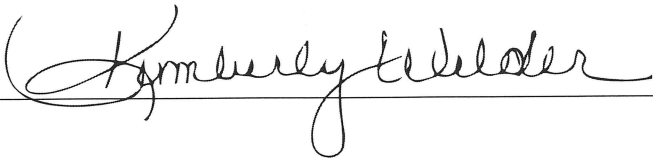
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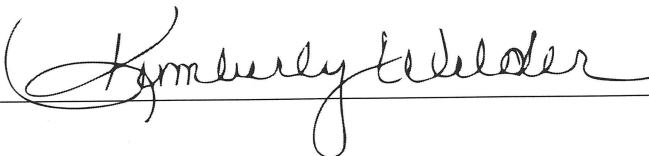
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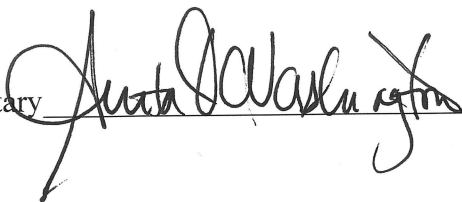
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