

**MINUTES**

MICHIGAN SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

March 6, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

Michigan Alliance for Student Opportunity  
826 Municipal Way  
Lansing, Michigan

Present: Dr. Daveda J. Colbert Mr. Jason Russell  
Mr. Patrick R. Green Dr. Jennifer Taiariol  
Dr. Alyse L. Ley Ms. Rosa Thomas  
Dr. Nasuh Malas

Attending Virtually:  
N/A

Excused Absence:  
Ms. Beth Nagel  
Ms. Aimee Alaniz  
Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske

Staff Present: Tiesha Hakim

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Dr. Daveda Colbert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

**MOTION:** Mr. Green moved, seconded by Dr. Malas, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the agenda and order of priority as submitted.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye**  
**Green – Aye**  
**Ley – Aye**  
**Malas – Aye**  
**Russell - Aye**  
**Taiariol – Aye**  
**Thomas - Aye**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### III. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Colbert asked Commission members to introduce themselves and share the sector they were nominated to represent. Each Commissioner present introduced themselves and stated which sector they were representing.

### IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### **Commission Discussion**

##### *School Safety Academy*

Following up on the January 2024 presentation by Kimberly Root, Section Manager, Michigan State Police, the School Safety Academy events have begun and are going well.

The following language was approved for the program guide:

*The Michigan School Safety Academy is funded through a Fiscal Year 2023 appropriation to the School Safety and Mental Health Commission and provided to the Michigan State Police, Grants and Community Services Division, Office of School Safety.*

The next event will be held in Livonia, Michigan on April 9 and 10. There are 125 available seats and Commissioners were encouraged to register.

##### *Website RFP Process*

Representatives from Wayne RESA, Drew McMechan, Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services and Kurt Rheaume, Senior Executive Director of Information Technology Solution, were available to answer any questions regarding the website RFP comparisons and recommendations. No further discussion was required.

##### *MASA School Safety Summit*

Links are live for request for proposals for the event. Dr. Serena Shivers, MASA Deputy Executive Director of Professional Learning and Member Services, invited School Safety and Mental Health Commissioners to participate in the event. The Commission will be acknowledged for the assistance provided with event planning.

The MASA School Safety Summit is scheduled for April 30, 2024, with a Preconference event on April 29. Dr. Colbert shared that she plans to attend on April 30.

##### *Suicide Commission Collaboration*

The Suicide Commission Chair, Dr. James Bell, shared their commission meeting schedule. During discussion, concerns were raised regarding the scope, target and mission of the two commissions for future collaboration and/or possible transfer of initiatives.

V. ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2023**

**MOTION:** Mr. Russell moved, seconded by Dr. Taiariol, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the draft minutes from the September 27, 2023 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye**  
**Green – Aye**  
**Ley – Aye**  
**Malas – Aye**  
**Russell - Aye**  
**Taiariol – Aye**  
**Thomas - Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2023**

**MOTION:** Mr. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Russell, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the draft minutes from the October 25, 2023 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye**  
**Green – Aye**  
**Ley – Aye**  
**Malas – Aye**  
**Russell - Aye**  
**Taiariol – Aye**  
**Thomas - Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2024**

**MOTION:** Mr. Russell moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the draft minutes from the January 31, 2024 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye**  
**Green – Aye**  
**Ley – Aye**  
**Malas – Aye**  
**Russell - Aye**  
**Taiariol – Aye**

**Thomas - Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

**Selection of Commission Website Vendor**

After reviewing the cost, experience and references of the website vendors submitted based on the RFP, the Commission Website Subcommittee shared their recommendation that Foxbright be selected as the website vendor. It was also noted that Foxbright is a Michigan based company. Dr. Ley and Dr. Malas both shared their agreement with the selection. There was additional conversation regarding the vendor’s responsiveness, website content and next steps.

Mr. Green thanked representatives from Wayne RESA for the hours invested in the website RFP and for their responsiveness, presentation and professionalism.

**MOTION:** Mr. Green moved, seconded by Dr. Ley, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission enter into an agreement with Foxbright as the commission’s website vendor.

A roll call vote was taken.

- Colbert – Aye**
- Green – Aye**
- Ley – Aye**
- Malas – Aye**
- Russell - Aye**
- Taiariol – Aye**
- Thomas - Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

The website contract with Foxbright will be executed and the work will begin immediately. The expectation is that the website will go live on May 1, 2024. The Commission will be able to review the website content before release with a preview of the site being presented at the April 2024 meeting.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The following agenda items were recommended for the April 24, 2024 meeting:

- MC3 Program School Expansion (Dr. Malas)
- Update on School Safety Academy (Mr. Green)
- Website Preview

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Although there was no public comment, Dr. Colbert shared that she, Dr. Taiariol, and Wayne RESA Senior Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, Mike Lavis, met with Fred Cummins, President of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County as follow up to his email communication in January. Based on the meeting held on

February 21, 2024, contact information for Senator Kevin Hertel - Chair, Health Policy Committee and Senator Sylvia Santana - Majority Vice Chair, Health Policy Committee was shared to assist Mr. Cummins with his advocacy.

VIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Future meeting dates of the School Safety and Mental Health Commission were shared.

- Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

IX. FUTURE MEETING LOCATION

Michigan Alliance for Student Opportunities  
826 Municipal Way  
Lansing, Michigan 48917

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiesha Hakim  
Executive Assistant  
Wayne RESA