

# Math & Science Academy

## Board of Directors

### Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, July 22, 2025  
MSA Building A Great Hall / [Virtually](#)

#### 1. Call to Order by Chair 6:00 PM

#### 2. Reading of the Vision/Mission/Land Acknowledgement

**Vision:** To be an innovative, sustainable model of academic excellence for all students that creates well-rounded, lifelong learners and global citizens.

**Mission:** We provide accelerated and inclusive curricula and instruction in all subjects, with an emphasis on math and science.

**Land Acknowledgement:** We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the land of the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ (pronounced “oh-CHEH-tee shaw-KOH-we,”). The people of the Seven Council Fires and of the Bdewakantunwan Band (pronounced “bee-dee-wah-kan-tun-wan band). The existence of the Dakota Oyate (pronounced “dah-KOH-tuh OY-aht-ee”) have lived in this area since time immemorial and before the U.S. war was created, and the state of Mni Sota was created. They lived within Mni Sota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan. They were caretakers of the land and lived in harmony. They belonged to the land and the land did not belong to them. It is within MSA’s responsibility, as an academic institution, to disseminate knowledge about indigenous people and their history and relationship with this land. MSA works to build a relationship with indigenous students and their families, through academic pursuits and historical recognition.

#### 3. Roll Call of Members

Brian Linzmeier

Sarah Harms

Isaac Leonhardi

Mary Yapp

Tamara Brooks

Kari Koerner

Maggie Befroui

Leigh Ann Ahmad

Jen Neisse

#### 4. Approval of Agenda - 5 min.

#### 5. Conflict of Interest - 1 min.


## **6. Swearing in Ceremony**

- a. Introduction of New Members
  - i. Leigh Ann Ahmad
  - ii. Margaret Befroui
  - iii. Jennifer Neisse
- b. Administration of the Oath of Office
- c. Signing of Oath of Office and Conflict of Interest Form

## **7. Election of Officers**

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

## **8. Annual Action Items**

- a. MSA Board Committee Selection
  - i. Finance Committee
  - ii. Governance Committee
- b. Approval of the 25-26 Meeting Dates
  - i.  Potential BOD Dates 2025-2026.pdf
- c. Designate Contract Authority
- d. Designation of Identified Official With Authority for the MDE User Access Recertification System (IoWA)
- e. Designation of District Depositories
- f. Designation of District Counsel
- g. Designation of Individuals with Authority or Contact Legal Counsel
- h. Appointment of Building Company Board Members
  - i. Joell Pundsack (incumbent)
  - ii. Denise Speiss (incumbent)
  - iii. Dan Ellingson
- i. Board Review of SAM Contract Exhibit K

## **9. Board Report Expansion (Hinton)**

## **10. Future BOD Items**

- a. Board Retreat
- b. 25 Year Picnic

## **11. Adjournment**