



**Mason County Promise Zone Appeals Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM
Lakeshore Resource Network Conference Room**

Members Present: Fabian Knizacky, Roger Nash, Amy Pepper, & Annette Quillan

1. **Call to Order:** Knizacky called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.
2. **Limited Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Pepper to approve the agenda, supported by Nash; Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes**
 - a. 6-3-2024: Motion by Nash to approve the minutes, supported by Quillan; Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Committee Business**
 - a. Consideration of Student Appeals
 - i. *Appeal #89—GPA: Motion by Knizacky to recommend to the full Board to approve the appeal, contingent upon the student getting a SAP appeal approved, supported by Nash; Discussion included a request for the Director to get an updated student transcript with summer grades and evaluating the student after fall 2024 for future semester appeals; Motion carried 4-0-0.*
 - ii. *Appeal #90—GPA: Motion by Quillan to recommend approval of appeal #90 to the full Board, supported by Nash; Discussion included whether or not a SAP should be included, and Maloney noted that SAP was not required based on this student’s transcript; Motion carried 4-0-0.*
 - iii. *Appeal #91—GPA: Motion by Pepper to recommend to the full Board the approval of appeal #91, supported by Quillan; Discussion: Pepper wondered how the student could take Biology II without having completed Biology I and suggested that the director send a note to the registrar Jill Sweet to follow up. The Committee wondered if the student may need a SAP appeal and Maloney was unsure but will ask the student to complete if needed; Motion carried 4-0-0.*
 - iv. *Appeal #92—GPA: Motion by Nash to recommend to the full Board the approval of appeal #92, supported by Quillan; Discussion included that the Committee would like the student to work with a Success Coach, that they would like the student to seek SAP approval; Motion carried 4-0-0.*
 - b. Review of past appeal grantee student progress:
 - i. For appeals considered through summer 2023 (Of denied students, 0 are attending/graduated)
 1. Maloney shared that she can update this table again after January of 2025 when NSC data is available.

Approvals	Continued at least 1 semester after appealed semester	Still attending as of winter 2024	Transferred	Graduated



45	31	8	2	11
25% First Gen	69%	18%	4%	24%

- 6. **Any Other Business:** Knizacky requested to add the possible reinstatement of the 2.0 High School GPA requirement for those graduation years eligible for the Michigan Guarantee to the Board growth discussion, in which case the state would cover students with high school GPAs below 2.0.
- 7. **Limited Public Comment:** None
- 8. **Adjourn:** Knizacky moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 AM.