



**Mason County Promise Zone Appeals Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM  
Lakeshore Resource Network Conference Room**

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

**Staff Present:** Jody Maloney

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 to approve by Nash, supported by Pepper; Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes from 8-21-2023:** Motion to approve by Pepper, supported by Nash; Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Committee Business**
  - a. **Correspondence:**
    - i. The Committee briefly reviewed student feedback after recent approvals.
  - b. **Consideration of Student Appeals**
    - i. **Appeal #74**—Under 9 credits—Administrative Approval due to grad/transfer requirements
    - ii. **Appeal #75**—GPA: Motion by Nash to approve pending successful SAP appeal submission and approval at WSCC, supported by Quillan; Motion carried 4-0-0.
    - iii. **Appeal #76**—GPA: Motion to approve by Pepper, supported by Quillan; Motion carried 4-0-0.
    - iv. **Appeal #77**—Under 9 Credits: Motion to approve by Quillan, supported by Pepper; Nash clarified that the student had qualified to use the Promise for 2023-24, which was confirmed by Maloney; Motion carried 4-0-0.
    - v. **Appeal #78**—Under 9 Credits: Motion by Pepper to approve, supported by Nash; Motion carried 4-0-0.
    - vi. **Appeal #79**—Under 9 Credits—Administrative Approval due to grad/transfer requirements
    - vii. **Appeal #80**—Under 9 Credits—Motion to approve by Quillan, supported by Nash; Knizacky asked whether or not Promise Zones must have a minimum number of 9 credits by law, to which Maloney responded that there was no minimum mandated by the State; Motion carried 4-0-0.
    - viii. **Appeal #81**—Under 9 Credits: Motion to approve by Quillan, supported by Nash; Motion carried 4-0-0.
    - ix. **Appeal #82**—Under 9 Credits: Motion by Quillan to approve, supported by Pepper; Motion carried 4-0-0.
    - x. **Appeal #83**—Total Attempted Credits: Motion by Knizacky to refer a question to the full Board for input on whether or not they support the concept of appealing for more than 72 credits, supported by Nash; Motion carried 3-1-0, with Pepper in support of considering the student's request. Maloney will communicate to the student that the Committee will be taking additional time to consider this appeal.
6. **Any Other Business:**
  - a. **Additional items of discussion brought up during the meeting for consideration:**



- i.* **Checklist for GPA-related appeals:** Maloney will develop a checklist of things requested of students appealing for GPA-related reasons that the Committee would like to see, and draft it for the December meeting. The checklist will include meeting with an advisor and participating or agreeing to participate in success coaching.
- ii.* **Appeals for under 9 credits:** Motion by Knizacky to recommend removal of the 9-credit minimum requirement for the next Promise Zone Plan amendment, with support from Nash; Discussion included Nash stating that we'd have to get the word out, and Quillan sharing, "we have a marketing problem"; Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - 1. In the case that the Board does not remove the 9-credit minimum:** Motion by Pepper to recommend more opportunities for administrative approval for students with under 9 credits with special circumstances (i.e., as an administrative drop), with support from Quillan; Motion carried 4-0-0.

**7. Limited Public Comment:** None

**8. Adjourn:** Knizacky moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 AM.