

Gateway Online Academy of Ohio
(An Ohio Not-for-Profit Corporation)
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Gateway Online Academy of Ohio (the “School”) held a Regular Board Meeting (the “meeting”) on September 12, 2022 at 12925 Corporate Drive, Parma 44130.

Board Members in Attendance

Kimberly Bartlett, Treasurer
Diane Faehnrich, Vice Chairwoman
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman

Board Members not in Attendance

Mark Sanzotta, Treasurer, via Zoom
Steven Kunberger

Guests in Attendance:

Matt Arkin, SVP, Innovative Schools, ACCEL Schools
Brian Hessey, Head of School, Gateway Online Academy of Ohio
Susan Scarponi, Sponsor Representative, Charter School Specialists
Anne Trakas, Callender Law Group
Mike Garcar, Callender Law Group, via Zoom
Jim Nichols, Massa Financial Solutions, via Zoom

1. Sign-in / A Call to order

Chairman Petrea called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members Present

Chairman Petrea requested a roll call of Board members. The Chairman noted a quorum was present.

3. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was brought forward for Board consideration. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to accept the agenda without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Steven Kunberger			Not present
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

4. Adoption/Approval of Minutes from Previous Board Meeting(s)

Discussion, Adoption/Approval of Minutes, August 8, 2022 Board meeting

The minutes of the August 8, 2022 Board meeting was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adopt the Minutes of the August 8, 2022 Board meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Steven Kunberger			Not present
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

5. Reports and Updates

a. Head of School Report

Mr. Hessey gave the School/Operator Report. The first round of STARS testing starts Thursday. The testing is in-person; and staff is sent out state-wide. There are issues with travel. Fifty percent of students have been tested so far; testing will take place every month throughout the year. The plan is to combine End-of-Course with STARS exam to round out the year. The requirements for testing are not written for online statewide schools; they are working to see if they can change the requirements for face-to-face testing. Colleen Grady has been supportive of the school, and he will be meeting with her next week. About 94% of students have participated in orientation. About 6% of students have technology issues.

There was discussion about the Insight mentoring program. Each staff member has 10-15 students. Student must meet each week. The ‘Along’ app is being used. There are questions provided by the app for conversation starters, then the students drive the conversation. The focus is to create relationships.

Social Space is starting next week, with interactive games, competition, and military branches. There are multiple activities planned. Mr. Yoder sent out a copy of the newsletter. Mr. Yoder is responsible for creating a relationship and communications with parents. The goal is to provide newsletters bi-monthly. The wrap-around service coordinators provide assistance to four (4) students who are mothers.

Currently, there are about 152 students enrolled, and over 60 in the pipeline. Member Faehnrich asked what avenues are used to recruit students. Mr. Hessey noted that ACCEL recruits students online. Mr. Arkin noted that the partnership with OHDELA assists getting students to Gateway that would be a good fit. Gateway can have a more tailored program for each student. About 24 students have IEPs for Special Ed; there are two (2) Intervention Specialists at the present time. One Intervention Specialist is leaving at the end of the month. One math position needs to be filled. Three (3)

Intervention Specialists are needed. Two left for better compensation at brick-and-mortar schools. There was discussion about support for CBI Program or Workforce Development Committee. The CBI must have advisory and counsel.

Chairman Petrea asked about Social Emotional Learning—what is it? Mr. Hessey noted that it is how to handle stress in life. Often, developing relationships with others is helpful to students. Board Member Faehnrich noted that as long as the teacher stays within the requirements on the ODE website, they should be OK. Mr. Arkin noted that Social Emotional Learning includes life skills or executive function skills. All students are enrolled in the CTE elective ‘Success Planning’, which includes resume writing and other topics. Chairman Petrea expressed interest in the Workforce Development Committee. The Chairman asked Mr. Garcar with assistance in this area.

b. Management Company Report

Mr. Arkin gave the Management Company Report. All students are enrolled in a success planning course. Funding for CTE is expected in January of 2024.

Enrollment was discussed. There are 157 students actively enrolled as of today. The School is on track to meet their enrollment goal of 500 students in the fall. Mr. Arkin noted they are pleased with enrollment so far. Regarding Special Ed, recruiting an Intervention Specialist is a challenge. They are talking to external contractors to provide this support for the School to be in compliance. The School shares space with OHDELA at the Summit offices.

c. Sponsor Report (Charter School Specialists)

i. September 2022 At-a-Glance Reports

Included for review in the meeting materials.

ii. September 2022 Sponsor Connection

Ms. Scarponi gave the Sponsor Report. She gave a reminder that vision and hearing screening need to be done, and online training is available. If a disability is suspected, the screenings must be done by a nurse. She encouraged the School to apply for the School Safety Grant. Ms. Scarponi gave a reminder that information about IDEA and federal funding must be communicated to parents, and minutes must reflect discussions about federal funding.

d. Treasurer Report

Mr. Nichols gave the Treasurer Report. He said there was not much to report, as the first payment from the State will come in October. The School has a cash balance of under \$7,000. There are some insurance expenses, accounting expenses, and legal fees.

e. Legal Update (Callender Law Group)

i. Discussion, Resolutions on the agenda

Mr. Garcar gave the Legal Update. The New Business items were reviewed.

6. Old Business

None.

7. New Business

a. Discussion, Adoption/Approval of Child Abuse Reporting Policy

The Child Abuse Reporting Policy was brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adopt the Child Abuse Reporting Policy Minutes without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

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Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Steven Kunberger			Not present
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

b. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Health and Safety Policies Review, 2022/2023 Academic Year

The Health and Safety Policies Review for the 2022/2023 Academic Year was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adopt the Health and Safety Policies Review for the 2022/2023 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Steven Kunberger			Not present
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

c. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Career Advising Policy, 2022/2023 Academic Year

The Career Advising Policy for the 2022/2023 Academic Year was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adopt the Career Advising Policy for the 2022/2023 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

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Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Steven Kunberger			Not present
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

- d. *Resolution, Affirmation of Graduation Requirements, 2022/2023 Academic Year*
 The Affirmation of Graduation Requirements for the 2022/2023 Academic Year was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adopt the Affirmation of Graduation Requirements for the 2022/2023 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

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Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Steven Kunberger			Not present
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

- e. *Resolution, Adoption/Approval of School Relocation*
 The resolution for School Relocation was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adopt the resolution for School Relocation without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Steven Kunberger			Not present
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

- f. *Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Termination of Office Lease Agreement with GSP Broadview LLC*
 The Termination of Office Lease Agreement with GSP Broadview LLC was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adopt the Termination of Office Lease Agreement with GSP Broadview LLC without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Steven Kunberger			Not present
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

g. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of First Amendment to Management Agreement with ACCEL Online Ohio LLC

The First Amendment to Management Agreement with ACCEL Online Ohio LLC was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adopt the First Amendment to Management Agreement with ACCEL Online Ohio LLC without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Steven Kunberger			Not present
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

8. Open Discussion/Public Comment

Chairman Petrea noted interest in starting a Workforce Development Committee.

9. Date/Time/Location of the Next Regular Board Meeting:

Monday, October 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at 12925 Corporate Dr., Parma, 44130.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adjourn the September 12, 2022, Board Meeting of Gateway Online Academy of Ohio, seconded by Member Bartlett, the Motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous affirmative vote of members present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



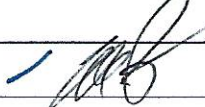

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Steven Kunberger			Not present
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve and adopt minutes of the September 12, 2022 Regular Board

meeting of Gateway Online Academy of Ohio, with/without amendments,

made by MEMBER SANZOTTA, seconded by MEMBER FAEHRICH

Roll Call Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	Other <i>(Abstain, not present, etc.)</i>
Kimberly Bartlett			
Diane Faehnrich			
Mark Sanzotta			
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman			

Executed and adopted by a vote of the Board on this 10th day of OCTOBER,
2022.



Jonathan Petrea, Chairman
Gateway Online Academy of Ohio