

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 April 10, 2023 at 4 Summit Park Drive, Suite 360, Independence, 44131.

Board Members in Attendance

Kimberly Bartlett, Board Treasurer
Diane Faehnrich, Vice Chair
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman
Michael Johns, arrived 6:10 p.m.

Board Member not in Attendance

Mark Sanzotta, Board Secretary

Guests in Attendance

Matt Arkin, SVP Innovative Schools, ACCEL Schools, via Zoom
Brian Hessey, Head of School, Gateway Online Academy of Ohio
Marty Yoder, Principal, Gateway Online Academy of Ohio
Jason McMillin, Massa Financial Solutions—via Zoom
Daniel Willenborg, Sponsor Representative, Charter School Specialists
Anne Trakas, Sr. Board Services Manager, Callender Law Group

1. Sign-in / A Call to order

Chairman Petrea called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Discussion, Adoption/Approval of Agenda, April 10, 2023 Board Meeting

The agenda of the April 10, 2023 Board Meeting was brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to accept agenda of the April 10, 2023 Board Meeting as presented, 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		
Michael Johns			Not present for vote
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

4. Reports and Updates

a. Head of School/Management Company Report (ACCEL Schools)

i. Head of School Report

Mr. Yoder gave the Head of School Report.

Trauma training is complete. The staff are working to make students comfortable and aware, and support students who have experienced trauma. Mr. Yoder is meeting with staff to check in with them.

The Ohio Evaluation System focuses on professional development. Surveys have been sent to determine the School mascot. Students have sent responses with a recommendation for ‘Gateway Guardians’. A contest for the design for artwork for the mascot will be sent to students.

The PBIS rewards program allows for student to earn points for following the Five Gateway Keys.

There was discussion regarding the interview with a success coach. There is not a firm count yet for students to attend the graduation ceremony in June. Once it is known how many graduates and family members expect to attend, there will be a search for an appropriate-sized venue.

Mr. Yoder and staff and working on increasing the literacy curriculum.

Chairman Petrea commended the students for the thoughtful consideration of ‘Gateway Guardians’. Mr. Hessey affirmed that the students provided support for their recommendation.

ii. Management Company Report (ACCEL Schools)

Mr. Hessey continued with the Management Company Report. State Testing starts Monday; Staff will be traveling all over the state of Ohio to staff the 32 sites; over 800 students will be taking an average of four tests. Two additional Social Space meetings took place; with positive comment. One was a talk about nursing, another was a survival guide discussion.

Enrollment is about 932 students, with about 66 withdrew. Some were withdrawn due to the 72-hour rule; 19 went back to public school; at least 1 went to rehab. There are about 207 students with disabilities.

Superintendent's Residency Verification Report: New enrollment: 191; there were five files reviewed, and no issues were found. There were no addresses updated, and no disputes to report.

Mr. Hessey noted that if the Board members wanted to review the Social Space meetings, there is a link to the site in the Board report.

Board Member Bartlett asked how many students are expected in the first graduating class. There are about 114 potential graduates; probably the number is closer to 50. Mr. Hessey noted that many students are 1/2 to 1 credit away from completion. Communications are ramping up communications with seniors. About 30-50 will go through the Rise Up program, as an alternative to the Career Tech option or who cannot get the points on their tests.

Graduation will most likely be at the end of June or the first week of July at one location (most likely in Columbus), and online. They need an estimate of attendance before looking for an appropriate venue. There are about 5 or 6 students who have completed requirements. The diploma is not given until the awards ceremony. Discussion continued regarding summer school. Summer school will be for credit recovery only. Students age out of the program at age 22 years.

b. Sponsor Report (St. Aloysius-Charter School Specialists)

- i. Discussion, Fiscal Review Memo, February 2023*
- ii. Discussion, At-A-Glance Report, April 2023*
- iii. Discussion, Sponsor Connection, April 2023*

Mr. Willenborg gave the Sponsor Report. The Sponsor Connection and At-A-Glance Reports were reviewed. The Fiscal Review Memo was noted. The Sponsor is pleased with enrollment. The onsite assistance review was completed. There was a reminder for Board training. Reminders will be sent to Board member(s) who need to complete training.

c. Treasurer Report (Massa Financial Solutions)

- i. Discussion, April 2023 Financial Statement*

Mr. McMillin provided the Treasurer Report. The March 2023 Financial Statement was brought forward for discussion. The School has a positive cash balance. Financially, the School is doing well.

d. Legal Update (Callender Law Group)

- i. *April 2023 Legal Update*
- ii. *Review of resolutions on the agenda*

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

e. *Adoption/Approval of Head of School Report/Management Company Report/Sponsor Report/Treasurer Report/Legal Update*

The School Report/Management Company Report/Sponsor Report/Treasurer Report/Legal Update were brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adopt the School Report/Management Company Report/Sponsor Report/Treasurer Report/Legal Update without amendment, seconded by Member Bartlett, 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		
Michael Johns	X		
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

5. Committee Reports, if submitted

- a. *Finance Committee*
- b. *Workforce Development Committee*
- c. *Academic Excellence Committee*

6. Old Business

None.

7. New Business

- a. *Discussion, Adoption/Approval of Minutes, March 13, 2023 Board Meeting*
The Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Board Meeting were brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adopt the Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, 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 Faehrich	X		
Michael Johns	X		
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

b. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Board Meeting Schedule, 2023/2024 Academic Year

The Board Meeting Schedule for the 2023/2024 Academic Year was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehrich to adopt the Board Meeting Schedule for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, 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 Faehrich	X		
Michael Johns	X		
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

c. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Enrollment Packet, 2023/2024 Academic Year

The Enrollment Packet for the 2023/2024 Academic Year was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehrich to adopt the Enrollment Packet for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, 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 Faehrich	X		
Michael Johns	X		
Mark Sanzotta			Not present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

8. Open Discussion/Public Comment

Mr. Arkin noted that the next partner for the School is approved—Pathfinder is opening in the fall for grades 6 through 12. The partnership will be similar to the partnership with OHDELA.

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

Currently scheduled for [May 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Parma Academy, 12925 Corporate Drive, Parma 44130.](#)

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adjourn the April 10, 2023, 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 6:33 p.m.

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

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve and adopt minutes of the April 10, 2023 Regular Board

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

made by FAEHNRIKH, seconded by JOHNS.

Roll Call Board Member Name/Initials	AYE	NAY	Other (Abstain, not present, etc.)
Kimberly Bartlett	KB x		
Diane Faehnrich	DF x		
Michael Johns	MJ x		
Mark Sanzotta	MS x		
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	J.P. x		

Executed and adopted by a vote of the Board on this 8th day of MAY,
2023.



 Jonathan Petrea, Chairman
 Gateway Online Academy of Ohio