

Gateway Online Academy of Ohio

An Ohio Not-for-Profit Corporation

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Gateway Online Academy of Ohio (the “School”) held a Board Meeting (the “meeting”) on August 21, 2023 at 12925 Corporate Drive, Parma 44130.

Board Members in Attendance:

Diane Faehnrich, Vice Chair
Kimberly Bartlett, Treasurer
Mark Sanzotta, Secretary
Michael Johns
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman

Guests in Attendance:

Brian Hessey, Head of School, Gateway Online Academy OH
Susan Scarponi, Sponsor Representative, Charter School Specialists
Jason McMillen, Massa Financial Solutions, via zoom
Marty Yoder, Principal, Gateway Online Academy OH, via zoom
Kristal Lockwood, Special Education Coordinator, Gateway Online Academy OH, via zoom
Shaquila Horne, Assistant Principal, Gateway Online Academy OH, via zoom
Matt Arkin, SVP of Innovative Schools, ACCEL Schools, via zoom
Mike Garcar, Associate, Callender Law Group, via zoom
Anne Trakas, Sr. Board Services Manager, Callender Law Group

b) Sign-in / A Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m.

c) Roll Call of Members Present

Chairman Petrea requested a roll call of members, noting all were present.

3. Annual Meeting, Board Officer Appointments

*Discussion, Board Member for re-appointment/Appointment of Board member
Officer Appointments for 2023/2024*

Mr. Garcar discussed current terms of Board members. Member Sanzotta is up for reappointment for 2-year term ending in annual meeting in 2025. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to re-appoint Member Sanzotta and seconded by Member Bartlett, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

Mr. Garcar noted the Board could consider the offices separately or as a slate. Member Sanzotta recommended to keep the current slate unless the Board preferred otherwise. Upon Motion duly made by Member Sanzotta to keep the current slate of officers until the next annual meeting, seconded by Member Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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<i>Kimberly Bartlett</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

4. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

The Agenda of the August 21, 2023 Board Meeting was brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adopt the Agenda for the August 21, 2023 Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Sanzotta the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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<i>Kimberly Bartlett</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

5. Reports and Updates

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

i. Head of School Report

ii. Superintendent's Residency Verification Update

Report given by Mr. Hessey. Mr. Hessey introduced Ms. Horne as the School's new Assistant Principal.

They are in the process of offering an STNA program which will result in student's having the opportunity to take the state exam if they complete the course and internships successfully.

Focusing on truancy intervention to reduce student absences in the 2023/2024 academic year. This includes teacher contact, success coaches, guidance reports, and contact with Ms. Horne.

Mr. Hessey introduced Kristal Lockwood, Special Education Coordinator, currently at about 128 students, about 33 10th graders, about 34 11th graders, and about 61 12th graders, up to about 11 staff members. Compliance documents are being cleaned up and getting back on track.

Mr. Yoder discussed the first day of classes highlighting interactive questions from students and responses from teachers. Mr. Yoder is working on a scorecard with ACCEL to help make informed decisions on students that need the extra contact and engagement from the School.

Mr. Hessey discussed the increase in guidance counselors and guidance aides in their goals to improve student engagement. The School is fully staffed at about 60 staff members.

Enrollment is at about 748 students and there is anticipation for about 94 more students enrolling in the next two weeks.

Mr. Hessey discussed the new state funding changes for the upcoming year based on engagement where they will get more funding in comparison to last year.

Chairman Petrea remarked positively on Mr. Hessey's progress and work with the School.

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

i.- ii. Discussion, Fiscal Review Memos, June and July 2023

iii. – iv. Discussion, July 2023 and August 2023 At-A-Glance Report

v. – vi. Discussion, July and August 2023 Sponsor Connections

vii. Discussion, End of the Year Compilation

Mrs. Scarponi gave the sponsor report. She discussed graduation, there were about 92 graduates and about 25 credentials earned.

c. Treasurer Report (Massa Financial)

i. Discussion, July 2023 Financial Statements

Jason McMillen gave the treasurer report. The repayment plan began in July due to student enrollment change in the 2022/2023 year. About \$76,000 a month is being retained by ODE. The new funding formula has not been addressed by ODE for this school, not anticipating till October. Receiving funding but formula will adjust the School funding to where it should be under the new funding for this type of school. Being funded on about 307 FTE in July. Financials are about where were forecasted, but higher than expenses anticipated for July. August is a financial reporting period, working through reporting period to make sure financial data from the prior year is being reported correctly.

d. Legal Update (Callender Law Group)

July 2023 and August 2023 Legal Updates

Review of resolutions on the agenda

Legal Update was given by Mr. Garcar. There was a discussion of the resolutions on the agenda.

e. *Acceptance of Reports and Updates*

A discussion was had about acceptance of the reports. Upon Motion duly made by Member Sanzotta for the acceptance of reports, seconded by Member Bartlett, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

6. Committee Reports, if submitted

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

None

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

a. Discussion, Adoption/Approval of Minutes, June 12, 2023 Board meeting

The Minutes of the June 12, 2023 Board meeting was 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 June 12, 2023 Board meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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<i>Kimberly Bartlett</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

b. Resolution, Ratification of Parent/Student Handbook, 2023/2024 Academic Year

The Parent/Student Handbook 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 Faehnrich to ratify the Parent/Student Handbook for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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<i>Kimberly Bartlett</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

c. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of School Visitor Policy, 2023/2024 Academic Year

The School Visitor Policy 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 Faehnrich to adopt the School Visitor Policy for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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<i>Kimberly Bartlett</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

d. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Parent/Family/Caregiver Engagement Policy, 2023/2024 Academic Year

The Parent/Family/Caregiver Engagement Policy 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 Faehnrich to adopt the Parent/Family/Caregiver Engagement Policy for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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<i>Kimberly Bartlett</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

e. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Academic Prevention/Intervention Annual Review, 2023/2024 Academic Year

The Academic Prevention/Intervention Annual Review 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 Faehnrich to adopt the Academic Prevention/Intervention Annual Review for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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<i>Kimberly Bartlett</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

f. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics Policy, 2023/2024 Academic Year

The Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics Policy 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 Faehnrich to adopt the Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics Policy for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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<i>Kimberly Bartlett</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

g. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Homeless Children and Youth Policy Annual Review, 2023/2024 Academic Year

The Homeless Children and Youth Policy Annual Review 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 Faehnrich to adopt the Homeless Children and Youth Policy Annual Review for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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<i>Kimberly Bartlett</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

9. Open Discussion/Public Comment

Discussion was had about previous graduation.

10. Date/time for next meeting/location:

Currently scheduled for [September 11, 2023](#) at 6:45 p.m. Eastern at Parma Academy 12925 Corporate Drive, Parma 44130

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adjourn the August 21, 2023 Board meeting of Gateway Online Academy of Ohio without amendment, seconded by Member Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.






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<i>Kimberly Bartlett</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Diane Faehnrich</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Michael Johns</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Mark Sanzotta</i>	<i>X</i>		
<i>Jonathan Petrea, Chairman</i>	<i>X</i>		

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve and adopt minutes of the August 21, 2023 Regular Board meeting of

Gateway Online Academy Ohio with/without amendment(s)

Made by MEMBER FAEHNRIKH, Seconded by MEMBER SANZOTTA.

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

Executed and adopted by a vote of the Board on this 11th day of September,
2023.



*Jonathan Petrea, Chairman
Gateway Online Academy Ohio*