

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 September 11, 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:

Andrea Dobbins, Sponsor Representative, Charter School Specialists
Brian Hessey, Head of School, Gateway Online Academy OH
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 Xoom
Christina Lamorgese, ACCEL, Gateway Online Academy, via Zoom
Shaquila Horne, Assistant Principal, Gateway Online Academy OH, via Zoom
Anthony Sams, ACCEL, Gateway Online Academy, via Zoom, joined at 7:07 p.m.
Anne Trakas, Sr. Board Services Manager, Callender Law Group

1. Sign-in / A Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members Present

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

3. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

The Agenda of the September 11, 2023 Board Meeting was brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Johns to adopt the Agenda for the September 11, 2023 Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Bartlett the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

4. Public Hearings

Discussion, Standardized Test Preparation Time Limit/Waiver Application, 2023/2024
Discussion, IDEA Part B Funds
Opportunity for Public Comment

The public hearing for Standardized Test Preparation Time Limit/Waiver Application was opened. No public comment offered; the public hearing was closed.

The public hearing for IDEA Part B Funds was opened. No public comment offered; the public hearing was closed.

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*

STAR testing is beginning this Thursday. Staff is going out to 35 locations to get the 1st semester baseline results and will return in 2nd semester for growth.

Two students from RISEUP are ready to graduate.

Truancy has been an issue; AIT's have begun. Some students have missed as many as 30-50 hours. Due to staff increase the School is working more diligently to assist students.

Ms. Lamorgese reports on engagement. 35% of students had a 100% or higher engagement result. Student average is at about 69% engagement. At the end of the month there were roughly 99 students who had not logged in. 63% of second cohort students attended at least one day of onboarding sessions.

Gateway Connect platform had a lot of growth from starting on the 14th and the cohort starting on the 28th. 82% of students have engaged at least one time this year.

Ms. Lockwood reports that special education enrollment is at about 158. There are about 7 speech and language services actively going, two occupation therapies taking place, and there

are currently no compliance issues. Engaged in getting IEP and new student re-writes. Fully staffed with 11 teachers.

Mr. Yoder reports that as of September 5th 116 courses have been completed; this is a significant number completed as compared to last year with 136 at around November of last year.

There has been positive feedback on the communication tactics staff has been doing this year. Looking at a family engagement application called Class Tag to encourage family engagement.

Staff has begun clubs that provide an inclusive social environment, a trivia club that could transition into Academic Challenge, a book club and chess club are also on the horizon.

Working with ACCEL to create a cohesive “Gateway Scorecard” that provides current data to share with students as to their progress.

Enrollment is at about 804 students as of today; 188 students have withdrawn, 102 students have transferred to other schools; 3 moved out of state; 7 dropped out; 50 students did not return and did not say where they were going.

About 298 new students enrolled; 15 addresses have been updated; and no disputes to report at this time.

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

- i. Discussion, Fiscal Review Memo, August 2023*
- ii. Discussion, September 2023 At-A-Glance Report*
- iii. Discussion, September 2023 Sponsor Connection*
- iv. Discussion, Management Company Evaluation, 2022/2023*

Ms. Dobbins gave the Sponsor Report. The Sponsor is working to create professional development programs. Career Technical programs for students in an online setting is coming up.

c. Treasurer Report (Massa Financial)

- i. Discussion, August 2023 Financial Statements*
- ii. Discussion, Budget 2023/2024 Academic Year*

Mr. McMillen provided the Treasurer Report. Wrapping up Fiscal Year 2023 numbers; there were some adjustments that impacted funding. August Statement of Liability of about \$1.1 million is owed back to the state; payments are deducted monthly in current year funding. This repays the obligation to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Sponsor and Operator were post credits for their part.

August Cash Balance is about \$143,000. Being funded on about 305 FTEs through August which will be adjusted in October based on student enrollment data.

The 2023/2024 budget was presented today.

The five-year forecast was not presented at this meeting but will be prepared for the next meeting.

Member Faehnrich asks why the school needs to repay the state.

Mr. McMillen answers that the student data had not been correct; the school is funded on student participation; the school had been paid on incorrect data.

d. Legal Update (Callender Law Group)

September 2023 Legal Update

Review of resolutions on the agenda

There was a discussion of the resolutions on the agenda.

The Board was reminded that the Management Company Evaluation is due at the end of October.

There was discussion about the annual Management Company Evaluation requested by the Sponsor. The Board completed the evaluation during a discussion at the meeting. The Board noted high satisfaction with the Management Company.

e. Acceptance of Reports and Updates

A discussion was had about acceptance of the reports and updates. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich for the acceptance of reports, seconded by Member Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

6. Committee Reports, if submitted

a. Finance Committee

b. Academic Excellence Committee

c. Workforce Development Committee

Chairman Petrea states that he will be sending an email regarding Social Spaces. There are two Veterans who serve on the Board; Members Johns and Sanzotta were recognized.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

a. Discussion, Adoption/Approval of Minutes, August 21, 2023 Board meeting

The Minutes of the August 21, 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 August 21, 2023 Board meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Sanzotta, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

b. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of College Credit Plus Policy (update)

The College Credit Plus Policy 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 College Credit Plus Policy without amendment, seconded by Member Sanzotta, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

c. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Career Advising Policy, 2023/2024 Academic Year

The Career Advising 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 Career Advising Policy for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Sanzotta, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

d. *Resolution, Affirmation of Health and Safety Policies Annual Review, 2023/2024 Academic Year*
The Health and Safety Policies 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 Health and Safety Policies Annual Review for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Sanzotta, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

e. *Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Standardized Test Preparation Time Limit, Waiver Application, 2023/2024 Academic Year*
The Standardized Test Preparation Time Limit, Waiver Application 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 Standardized Test Preparation Time Limit, Waiver Application for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Sanzotta, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

f. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Budget, 2023/2024 Academic Year

The Budget 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 Budget for the 2023/2024 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Sanzotta, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

9. Open Discussion/Public Comment

None

10. Date/time for next meeting/location:

Currently scheduled for November 13, 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 September 11, 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 7:43 p.m.

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

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve and adopt minutes of the September 11, 2023, Regular Board meeting of

Gateway Online Academy of Ohio, with/without amendment(s)

Made by J. PETRA, Seconded by SANZOTTA.

Roll Call Board Member Name/Initials	AYE	NAY	Other (Abstain, not present, etc.)
Kimberly Bartlett			
Diane Faehnrich			
Michael Johns			
Mark Sanzotta			
Kimberly Bartlett, J. Petra Chairwoman			

Executed and adopted by a vote of the Board on this 13th day of November,
2023.



 Jonathan Petra, Chair
 Gateway Online Academy of Ohio