

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 January 8, 2024 at 12925 Corporate Drive, Parma 44130.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Member Not in Attendance:

Michael Johns

Guests in Attendance:

Kodie Keller, Sponsor Representative, Charter School Specialists
Brian Hessey, Head of School, Gateway Online Academy OH
Shaquila Horne, Gateway Online Academy OH, via Zoom
Jason McMillen, Massa Financial Solutions, via Zoom
Kristal Lockwood, Special Education Coordinator, Gateway Online Academy OH, via Zoom
Christina Lamorgese, ACCEL, Gateway Online Academy, via Zoom
Anne Trakas, Sr. Board Services Manager, Callender Law Group

1. Sign-in / A Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members Present

Chairman Petrea requested a roll call of members, noting a quorum was present.

3. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

The Agenda of the January 8, 2024 Board Meeting was brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adopt the Agenda for the January 8, 2024 Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Sanzotta the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of the members present.

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

4. 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*
 - iii. *Discussion, Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Report, July through December, 2023*
 - iv. *Discussion, Annual Report on Nutritional Standards*
 - v. *Discussion, SPED Profile*

Mr. Hessey provided the Head of School Report.

Ms. Horn reports that approximately 500 students schedule to test with 296 documented for testing. She anticipates that they will have results by late January or early February.

One student completed Rise Up.

Most staff were out testing for two weeks in December.

Ms. Lamorgese reports that engagement in December was about 65%; 9th – 11th grade ranged at a 67-69% engagements; 12th grade average at a 57% engagement which does drop the average because of how large the 12th grade population is; 11% of the students are at a 0-24% engagement range. 22% of students sit at a 95-100% engagement average.

There are no new cohorts in the month of December.

There is a strong line up of guest speakers for Social Spaces.

There was a brief discussion of Club Advisors and student engagement.

Ms. Lockwood provided the Special Education Report noting that there are approximately 254 students enrolled. 105 of the students are Seniors and Super Seniors. Two staff members have joined recently. There are about 13 staff members with one more joining in January.

There are no compliance issues at this time.

Mr. Hessey notes that about 1,906 courses have been completed this year; kids are focusing and moving to next term. The majority of the grades given were 'B's.

Testing took a large amount of time in December. The School is hopeful to not lose too many students in January.

There will be a January 17th survey to facilitate working on communications with parents.

Enrollment is at about 1,203 students as of this meeting. There was a discussion about various reasons for certain student enrollment losses.

There will be early graduation on February 16th at 1:00 p.m. for about 50 students.

Member Sanzotta asks if virtual proctoring would be necessary for virtual testing? Mr. Hessey answered that yes, but at least travel time won't be an issue.

The residency report has no flags. There are about 440 new students. There were 15 random reviews with 0 updates from parents and 0 disputes.

There are no incidents of Harassment Intimidation and Bullying to report.

The School follows state law regarding the Nutritional Standards. Chairman Petrea notes that Mr. Hessey has an impressive team.

Mr. Hessey invites the Board to connect with the students. Social Spaces is offered twice a week; there could be a live classroom option if schedules are not conducive to the speakers.

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

1. *Discussion, Fiscal Review Memo, November 2023*
2. – 3. *Discussion, At-A-Glance Reports, December 2023 and January 2024*
4. – 5. *Discussion, Sponsor Connection, December 2023 and January 2024*
6. *Discussion, Intervention Status Reporting, due April 26, 2024*
7. *Discussion, Five-Year Forecast Checklist*

Ms. Keller provided the Sponsor Report. The School has an FTE of approximately 644. The School Improvement Plan Survey is due April 26th; this is listed in the Sponsor Connection.

The Onsite Assistance Review will be scheduled. The Coordinator will reach out to the School to get it scheduled.

February 9th extension for End of Course testing for Drop Out Recovery Program schools.

c. Treasurer Report (Massa Financial)

- i. *Discussion, December 2023 Financial Statements*

Mr. McMillen provided the Treasurer Report. The December financials were provided in the materials. The School is being paid out on approximately 644 FTEs; the School continues to see FTEs increase. The School has a cash balance of under about \$34,000. The audit for the last fiscal year was completed by audit firm and submitted to the Auditor of State for final review. The audit received a ‘clean’ audit and was overall good.

1099s are being sent via e-mail and option to receive the document electronically.

A call is scheduled with the Ohio Department of Education to discuss funding of Drop Out Recovery e-schools.

- d. Legal Update (Callender Law Group)
 - January/February 2024 Legal Update*
 - New Business Review*
 - Discussion, Annual Board Training Requirements*

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 and updates. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich for the acceptance of reports and updates as presented, seconded by Member Sanzotta, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of the members present.

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

- 5. Committee Reports, if submitted**
 - a. Finance Committee*
 - b. Academic Excellence Committee*
 - c. Workforce Development Committee*

None

- 6. Old Business**

None

7. New Business

a. Discussion, Adoption/Approval of Minutes, November 13, 2023 Board meeting

November 13, 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 November 13, 2023 Board meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Sanzotta, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of the members present.

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

8. Open Discussion/Public Comment

None

9. Date/time for next meeting/location:

**Currently scheduled for March 11, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. Eastern 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 January 8, 2024, Board meeting of Gateway Online Academy of Ohio without amendment, seconded by Member Sanzotta, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of the members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.






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

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve and adopt minutes of the January 8, 2024, Regular Board meeting of

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

Made by JOHNS, Seconded by FAEHRICH.

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

Executed and adopted by a vote of the Board on this 11th day of MARCH,
2024.



Jonathan Petrea, Chair
Gateway Online Academy of Ohio