

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 March 11, 2024 at 12925 Corporate Drive, Parma 44130.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Guests in Attendance:

Kodie Keller, Sponsor Representative, Charter School Specialists
Brian Hessey, Head of School, Gateway Online Academy OH
Marty Yoder, Principal, Gateway Online Academy
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 6:53 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

This is discussed and voted on in the Sponsor’s Report.

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, Racial/Ethnic Balance Report*
 - iv. Discussion, Academic Calendar, 2024/2025 Academic Year*
 - v. Discussion, Enrollment Packet, 2024/2025 Academic Year*
 - vi. Discussion, Winter/Spring Graduates, 2024*

Mr. Hessey provided the Head of School Report.

Ms. Horne informed the Board that the School has over 300 students to be tested in coming days.

There have been guest speakers for students in various areas of expertise. One visiting speaker was in real estate.

Three employees have been added to the School.

Truancy has increased in the month of February with 87 AIPs. They were behind but are now back on track for March. The School is working with families to get students back in school.

Ms. Lamorgese discussed engagement. Around 26% of students are in the 95-100% engagement zone.

She is finalizing the Engagement Protocol which compares student engagement and course progress.

February onboarding has been consistent. There was about 60% participation and 40% non-engagement. The highest peak of engagement was at the end of the month with about 274 students viewing and responding to reflections.

She shared guest speakers and activities in Social Space.

Ms. Lockwood provided the Special Education Report. She noted that total enrollment is at around 333 students broken down into 62 freshmen, 93 sophomores, 78 juniors, and 100 seniors. There are 14 staff members, 20 Speech and Language Services, and four (4) OT services. Enrollment for the month of January was about 27 students and then February was about 76 students.

Mr. Yoder remarked that students were earning credits. The Family Survey response has been overall positive. There are around 2-3% of parents with a negative response leaving room for improvement but the majority of responses were positive.

Mr. Hessey discusses enrollment being closed. The School now has approximately 1,623 students enrolled.

Around 234 students were automatically withdrawn, many due to the 72-hour rule. Around 47 students graduated. Member Johns encourages the Board members to attend graduation and remarks that it was very moving.

There was a discussion about having Winter Graduation in the same location, and summer graduation in the Columbus area.

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) has a two-year rule regarding attendance and funding. Mr. Hessey clarified that there is only a focus on End-of Course Testing, not also the ACT.

There was a review of a survey. The staff has a 12-8 shift which may continue this May-June to have staff available for students.

There is a struggle to get students in person and having a live interaction. The School is working to get hours so students will not have an excuse. They are looking at hours like 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The School has enrolled about 634 students from January on which breaks into around 200 a week.

They are waiting on three (3) mailers to be corrected.

There were two (2) addresses updated and no disputes.

The Racial/Ethnic Balance was reviewed.. The main difference in the School's racial/balance is that the African-American population is a higher and the Hispanic population is lower. The Male/Female ratio is 56.7% female and 43% male. There was a discussion about reasons why this may be, and potential reasons were behavioral and mental health.

February 16th graduation graduates were discussed.

Member Johns asks to clarify what is GAP closing?

Mr. Hessey responds that most of this is Math related. There is a struggle with Math and Star testing. Testing has to be in person and most students would prefer online. This is not a good reflection of how students are actually doing, because the students don't want to take the test at the end of the year.

There is a hope of having virtual tests next year to get better participation.

Member Johns asked about the Special Education student population. There are around 333 out of 1623 students in the Special Education program which is about 22% of the student population.

Chairman Petrea asked the date of next graduation?

There is work being done to get a location this week; there is not a clear idea of how many students will graduate. They do not the event to be too big or too small. There are many students on the borderline. June 21st or 22nd are possible dates if they can find a location.

Chairman Petrea wants to credit the staff and teamwork. He noted that there is no question that leadership is influencing staff, and staff is influencing the students.

Member Johns would like to attend the next District Leadership meeting.

- b. Sponsor Report (St. Aloysius-Charter School Specialists)
 - 1. – 2. Discussion, Fiscal Review Memos, December 2023 and January 2024
 - 3. – 4. Discussion, At-A-Glance Reports, February and March 2024
 - 5. – 6. Discussion, Sponsor Connection, February and March 2024
 - 7. Discussion, Intervention Status Reporting, due April 26, 2024

Ms. Keller provided the Sponsor Report. The Compliance Spring Survey will be sent out in April. There are various Special Education Opportunities; Susan Scarponi is available to assist if asked.

Two representatives attended a Human Trafficking Summit in Columbus, Ohio.

The Agenda of the March 11, 2024 Board Meeting was brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adopt the Agenda for the March 11, 2024 Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Bartlett the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

- c. Treasurer Report (Massa Financial)
 - i. Discussion, February 2024 Financial Statements

Mr. McMillen provided the Treasurer Report. The February financials were provided in the materials. The School is being paid out on approximately 670 FTEs. The School has received allocations of Federal Funds and increases are seen. The audit has been completed, submitted, reviewed, and released. It is available on the Auditor website. The School is participating in hybrid funding for Drop Out Recovery e-schools and has about \$1.1 million in additional funding. The next meeting will have an updated Five-Year Forecast and hopefully the Budget/Outlook.

- d. Legal Update (Callender Law Group) *March 2024 Legal Update*
Review of New Business Items
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 Johns, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Roll Call Board Member	AYE	NAY	Other <i>(Abstain, not present, etc.)</i>
Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Michael Johns	X		
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, January 8, 2024 Board meeting*

The January 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Johns to adopt the Minutes of the January 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

- b. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Intervention Status Reporting, 2023/2024 Academic Year*

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

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

c. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of School Meal Program, Summer Months 2024

The School Meal Program for the Summer Months of 2024 was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Johns to adopt the School Meal Program for the Summer Months of 2024 without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

d. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Academic Calendar, 2024/2025 Academic Year

The Academic Calendar for the 2024/2025 Academic Year was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Johns to adopt the Academic Calendar for the 2024/2025 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

e. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Enrollment Packet, 2024/2025 Academic Year

The Enrollment Packet for the 2024/2025 Academic Year was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Johns to adopt the Enrollment Packet for the 2024/2025 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

f. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Candidates for Graduation, Winter/Spring 2024

The Candidates for Graduation for the Winter/Spring of 2024 was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Johns to adopt the Candidates for Graduation for the Winter/Spring of 2024 without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

8. Open Discussion/Public Comment

None

9. Date/time for next meeting/location: Currently scheduled for **May 13, 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 Sanzotta to adjourn the March 11, 2024, Board meeting of Gateway Online Academy of Ohio without amendment, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Roll Call Board Member	AYE	NAY	Other <i>(Abstain, not present, etc.)</i>
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 March 11, 2024, Regular Board meeting of

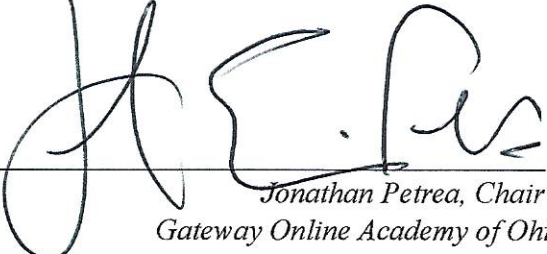
Gateway Online Academy of Ohio, with without amendment(s)

Made by FREHNRICH, Seconded by SANZOTTA.

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

Executed and adopted by a vote of the Board on this 13th day of MAY,

2024.


Jonathan Petrea, Chair
Gateway Online Academy of Ohio