



OOL Board of Directors

Regular Board Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

February 20, 2024 4:30 pm

Meeting Location: ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84142928343>

The mission of Odyssey Online Learning is to provide a high-quality education for a wide variety of students by offering alternative solutions to traditional schooling while assisting students in achieving the knowledge and skills to reach their highest potential within a flexible and tailored educational program that fosters lifelong learning.

- 1) **Call to Order** by Mario Williams at 4:30 pm
- 2) **Pledge** by Ashley Owings
- 3) **Roll Call**- Mario Williams, Marquis Flemings, Robert McKenzie, Joe Bowers, Viktoria McKenna, Alyssa Blitch and Phoebe Grant (Prestige School Solutions), Bill Roach, Ashley Owings, Andrea Amburn. Amy Cox joined meeting at 4:40 pm
- 4) **Consent Calendar** - Marquis Flemings offered a motion to accept the consent calendar. Robert McKenzie offered the second for the motion. Roll call for vote was taken.
Unanimous Approval
 - A. **February 20, 2024** - Board Meeting Agenda
 - B. **January 8, 2024** - Board Retreat Meeting Minutes
- 5) **Public Comments** (Must sign-up prior to start time). Please contact the Director of Operations & HR if you would like to sign up. *None*
 - Each speaker has (3) three minutes.
 - Speakers may not ask questions of Board Members.
 - Board Members may not engage speakers in discussion.
 - Disruptive behavior is not permitted.
 - Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.
 - Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any Board Member is not permitted.
 - The Board will follow up on all matters that speakers present.
- 6) **Executive Session - Legal Advice in Reference to Board Policies**- *Executive Session was not called by the OOL Board of Directors. The board reviewed the Board Conduct and Code of Ethics policies and discussed needed changes. Mr. Bowers requested a copy of the attorney's retainer agreement. Mrs. Cox clarified that the attorney was selected by the board the previous year and was an agreed upon hourly rate, not retainer. School administration will provide the agreement to Mr. Bowers. The changes will be discussed with the attorney and a vote will be taken in April 2024.*
- 7) **Action Item**
 - A. **Action Item from Executive Session (If Needed)** N/A
- 8) **Reports**



A. January Financial Report - Prestige School Solutions- Alyssa Blitch reviewed the January 2024 report. Alyssa explained the new format of the report metric. Days Cash on hand has increased. The current salaries as a percent of revenue is high at 68%, but it is projected to decrease over time. The projected year-end net income is -\$147,859.00 as a result of using the fund balance to include additional teaching positions. Operating Cash on Hand is \$2.1 million.

B. Report by Executive Director - Ashley Owings. Mrs. Owings shared that Odyssey Online Learning is continuing to prepare Juniors and Seniors for earning College and/or Career Readiness credentials with End-of-Course testing. March 7, Odyssey will host an EOC Rally on March 7, 2024 to give students and parents testing information.

Odyssey Online Learning will have Staff Development in Spartanburg, February 21-23. Board members were invited to attend. The current enrollment is 580 students. Mrs. Owings is very excited about this number and gave a shout out to the staff for reaching this milestone. The 135th day count for budgeting will take place in March.

Interviews are underway to fill FY25 teaching positions. This means all teachers will be in-house for Odyssey Online Learning. Mrs. Owings answered questions posed by board members around student enrollment and teacher recruitment. Mrs. Owings shared updates to school report criteria.

Mrs. Owings thanked the Board members for their support and let them know that they are appreciated.

9) **Action Items**

A. Approval of January Financials Amy Cox made a motion to accept the January financials. Viktoria McKenna seconded the motion. Roll call yielded unanimous approval.

B. Financial Policies - 3rd Reading and Approval Amy Cox made a motion to approve the financial policies with the recommended changes from the attorney. A second was offered by Marquis Flemings. Roll was taken and the result was unanimous approval.

C. OOL 2024-2025 School Calendar - Reading and Approval Marquis Flemings offered a motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar. Joe Bowers seconded the motion. Roll Call yielded unanimous approval.

10) **Adjourn** Viktoria McKenna made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Cox seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.