

Oakland International Academy
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

Date: August 25, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87594728847?pwd=WmU2bTdVd0tCMGpqcmlNwdEw4UzBJUT09>
Oakland International Academy – Middle School
8228 Conant Street
Detroit MI 48211

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Dr. Elmoursi.

Roll Call

A roll call of members virtually in attendance and participating was taken. The following board members were in attendance:

Present - Dr. Ahmed Elbohy, President (remote from Bloomfield, Oakland County, MI)
Present – Dr. Alaa Elmoursi, Vice President (remote from Troy, Oakland County, MI)
Absent (Excused) – Mr. Rashed Rabaa, Treasurer
Present – Mr. Bassem Moez, Secretary (Remote from Southfield, Oakland County, MI)
Absent (Excused) – Mr. Sajid Sayed, Member

A quorum was in attendance to conduct business.

Also in remote attendance were the following individuals:

Mr. Ahmed Saber – EMAN
Dr. Lorilyn Coggins – EMAN
Dr. Harun Rashid - EMAN
Ms. Mahasti Shahidi – Oakland International Academy
Mr. Kevin Wade – Oakland International Academy
Dr. Mohamed Elnatour – Oakland International Academy
Ms. Sherin Radwan – Oakland International Academy

It was noted that as a result of this meeting being held virtually, all votes would require a roll call vote.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Elmoursi and seconded by Mr. Moez to approve the agenda as presented on Board Docs. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion Passed 3/0 (AYE – Elbohy, Elmoursi, and Moez). Agenda Approved.

A Conflict-of-Interest Inquiry indicated no current conflicts on any agenda item.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Moez to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on July 21, 2021, as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Elmoursi. The vote was unanimous in

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favor of the motion. Motion Passed 3/0 (AYE – Elbohy, Elmoursi, and Moez). Minutes of the July 2021 Organizational Meeting Approved.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed included:

- SVSU Board Candidates Letter
- Wayne State University Deans List
- Wayne County Covid Advisory for Schools

Board members acknowledged the students who made the Dean's List at Wayne State University and suggested that a letter of acknowledgement be written to each student from the Board congratulating him/her on the accomplishment.

Mr. Wade noted that he received two additional letters bringing the number of students on the Dean's List to six.

Management Company Report

Mr. Saber welcomed the Board to the first meeting of the 2021/2022 school year. Next week students return to the school for instruction. He introduced Dr. Rashid as the new Director of Curriculum and Instruction. He reported that EMAN has also hired Dr. Specks and Dr. Raman. He publicly thanked Dr. Ali for the past six years acknowledging her tireless work and wished her the best of luck in her new endeavor. He reported that Dr. Ali will continue with EMAN as a Coach but on a consultation basis. Mr. Saber noted that the buildings are ready for school. Most positions at the schools have been filled. Several new teachers were hired on J Visas from abroad, and they seem to be excited and adjusting well. There was some discussion with the board about new teacher orientation and effective integration with existing staff. Mr. Saber highlighted the one week of professional development designed and delivered exclusively for the new staff with an additional week of professional development for returning staff. The principals provided highlights from the management report. At the high school there are 316 students enrolled and only 48 (15%) have opted for remote instruction. At the elementary and middle schools, the percent of students opting for remote learning averages about 30%.

Financial Reports

Dr. Coggins presented the monthly financial reports to include the balance sheets, statements of revenues and expenditures, cash flow, and check register. She highlighted cash on hand, the current fund equity and the actual to budget percentages.

Unfinished Business

It was moved by Dr. Elmoursi and seconded by Mr. Moez to reverse the decision made by the Board at the July meeting to provide an exemption to the mask policy for vaccinated individuals. As a result, all individuals are required to wear a mask at school in accordance with the board approved policy previously adopted. A roll call vote was taken. The vote

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was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion Passed 3/0 (AYE – Elbohy, Elmoursi, and Moez).

New Business

It was moved by Mr. Moez and seconded by Dr. Elmoursi to approve the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion Passed 3/0 (AYE - Elbohy, Elmoursi and Moez). Motion passed – Financial Reports and Disbursements approved.

Other Business

No other business was brought before the Board.

Extended Public Comment

There was no extended public comment.

Closing Items

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. In accordance with the Wayne County OMA Order, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

It was moved by Dr. Elmoursi and seconded by Mr. Moez that the meeting be adjourned at 6:56 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion Passed (3/0). Meeting Adjourned.

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I certify that these minutes were approved as read by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on September 21, 2021, at which a quorum was present.

By: *Bassem Moez (Covid19)*

Its: Secretary