

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
IDAHO VIRTUAL ACADEMY'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Thursday
August 21, 2025**

7:00pm (MDT)

PRELIMINARY

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Meeting was called to order and quorum established at 7:04 PM

C. ROLL CALL

<i>Seat</i>	<i>Occupant</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Position 1	Chairman Thompson	(7/27)	X	
Position 2	Vacant	(7/27)		
Position 3	Director Handeen	(7/28)	X	
Position 4	Director Hammond	(7/26)	X*	
Position 5	Director Krein	(7/26)	X	

Positions and Terms pursuant to Policy 103.0

* Director Hammond joined the meeting shortly after the roll call.

Others present at the meeting:

Kelly Edginton
Sheila Shiebler
Sarah Olivas
Mike Groshong

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PROCEDURAL NOTE:

1. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – ACTION ITEM

The Board Clerk noted to the Directors that the title page to the Agenda contained two errors. He proposed changes to the type of meeting and to the time of the meeting.

Motion was made by Director Handeen that the title page of the Agenda be changed as the Board Clerk suggested.

Motion seconded by Director Krein
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Director Handeen to approve the Agenda, as amended.

Motion seconded by Director Krein
Motion approved, unanimously.

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC INPUT:

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes, and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give directions to staff following a presentation.

No member of the public sought to make comment.

C. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Director’s Report

Presentation of informational items at the discretion and selection of the Directors.

1. IDVA 1 + 11 Board Presentation (August 2025) – Sarah Olivas

Directors have received a written presentation of the school’s financial reports as part of the Board Packet for the meeting, addressing the school’s financials. Ms. Olivas presented information regarding July 2025 Summary and IDVA Metrics, Restricted Funds, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow.

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The actual student enrollment (9 month average) was 2,575 as opposed to the budgeted amount of 2,554. The increase in volume remains the primary driver in increase in expenses.

Restricted and Title funds expenditures for federal funds are in line for this time of the year.

Cash balance and projections are very healthy. There is well over two months of expenditures addressed in this balance.

Fund Balance report is solid. The State pays basic formula funding five times per year: August, November, February, May, & July. The school has already received the August payment, so the cash flow is good. Ms. Olivas proposed a payment to K12 of \$3.178 million which would pay any outstanding previous fiscal year invoices and still allow for a 2 months cash flow on hand.

Ms. Olivas stood for questions.

D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Board/Staff Discussions

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

1. Executive Director Report – Executive Director, Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton reviewed upcoming calendar items.

Ms. Edginton noted that school has started and reminded the Directors that Stride is undergoing two systems transitions – PowerSchool and Canvas. She noted that, as with any new platform transition, there have been some bumps in the road. Staff are assisting families, and the school is working hand in hand with the Stride national team to work through challenges.

Ms. Edginton noted that the school is complying with all new laws enacted by the 2025 legislature and highlighted how the school is dealing with the new Human Sexuality Instruction and Human Growth and Development laws.

Ms. Edginton noted that the new Idaho State Report card includes all

student data and not accountability data. The accountability data for state testing includes students enrolled for a full academic year and does not include students enrolled for a partial academic year. She noted that the 24/25 Idaho Reading Indicator data was recently released on the state report card, and Idaho Ed News ran a negative story about the reading scores of online schools. She reiterated that IDVA and some other online schools enroll students throughout the school year with some enrolling as late as the end of March. Without context, the data on the state report card is misleading. She sent an email to the State Department of Education expressing her concerns, urging them to display accountability data on the state report card or, at the very least, to add a clear explanatory statement. The SDE Assessment and Accountability Director called to discuss ideas on how to alleviate the negative public perception and says she is working on a plan.

Ms. Edginton relayed to the Board several honors and recognitions Stride received in FY2025.

Ms. Edginton noted that staff members received years of service recognition at the back to school meetings and each received a D.L. Evans gift card. Some of the thank you notes received were shared with the Board.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (These items require a vote by the Directors)

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion, or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board voting on them.

- 1. Approval of July 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Approval of July 2025 Monthly Invoices**
- 3. Approval of July 2025 Financial Report**

The Consent Agenda was opened for discussion and inquiry.

A motion was made by Director Krein to approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Handeen.

Motion approved, unanimously.

IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. BUSINESS ITEMS (Requiring Approval Vote)

1. Plan/Performance Certificate Continuous Improvement - Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton addressed with the Directors that charter schools are allowed to utilize their Performance Certificate as their Continuous Improvement Plan tool and noted that the Board has chosen to do this in previous years.

Ms. Edginton noted that the 2023-2028 Performance Certificate was in the Board packet and that she and Chairman Thompson reviewed the Certificate in detail when it was first executed. She went on to say the Charter Commission prepares an annual report based on the performance certificate each year, administration and the Board review it, work with the charter commission staff to correct any errors and post the final report on our website each year. She reported that the metrics within the report are rigorous.

Ms. Edginton recommended that the school continue to use its Performance Certificate in lieu of a separate Continuous Improvement Plan.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions.

Motion was made by Chairman Thompson to approve the FY 25-26 Continuous Improvement Plan/Performance Certificate as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Hammond.

Motion approved, unanimously.

2. Approval of IDVA Fiscal Policy & Procedures Update – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton noted that the draft change in the Board's Fiscal Policies and Procedures manual on page 12 is to update the language to be in line with the capitalization amount approved by the board at the July meeting and also using language that will not have to be updated if the amount changes, since \$10,000 is the

federally allowed maximum.

Ms. Edginton asked for approval of the update and stood for questions.

Motion made by Director Handeen to approve the update to the capitalization amount as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Hammond.
Motion approved, unanimously.

3. Board Policy Manual Approval – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton informed the Board that the Board Policy Review Committee has completed the quinquennial review of the entire Board Policy Manual. Initially, Ms. Edginton and Mr. Groshong reviewed and made draft changes to the manual. The Board's attorney then reviewed and added her draft changes. The final step was the committee review. Chair Thompson and Vice Chair Krein reviewed on their own and then met with Ms. Edginton and Mr. Groshong twice to review and make draft updates together.

Ms. Edginton called out that Policy 903.6 Student Records, Privacy, and Confidentiality is the only new, separate policy that was developed as a draft in the review. She noted that the tenants of this policy were formerly in policy 906.0 which was deleted because many of the elements of 906.0 are covered in our bullying, harassment policy and others were determined should go under student records.

Ms. Edginton asked the other committee members if they had further comment.

Motion made by Director Handeen to approve the changes in the Board Policy Manual, as presented.

Motion seconded by Chairman Thompson
Motion approved, unanimously.

V. PERSONNEL REPORT (Requiring an approval vote)

1. Approval of Personnel Report – Kelly Edginton

The Personnel Report was provided to the Directors in the Board’s packet. It detailed hiring recommendations.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions.

Motion was made by Director Krein to approve the Personnel Report, including hiring and contract issuance, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Hammond.
Motion approved, unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No matters scheduled or held.

VII. ACTION, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was scheduled or taken.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER INPUT FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND INFORMATION SOUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS.

No matters were raised by any members of the board or administration for inclusion for a future agenda.

IV ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Krein at 7:44 PM, seconded by Director Handeen.

Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of August 2025.

Mike Groshong, Board Clerk.