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

Thursday
April 16, 2026

7:00pm (MDT)

PRELIMINARY

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

Meeting was called to order and quorum established at 7:2 PM

C. **ROLL CALL**

Seat	*Occupant*	*Term*	*Present*	*Absent*
Position 1	Chairman Thompson	(7/27)	X	
Position 2	Director Shaver	(7/27)		X
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

Others present at the meeting:

Kelly Edginton
Mike Groshong
Amy White
Jenny Whelan
Sarah Olivas
Jamie Cann
Deslynn Mecham
Letise Dennis

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. **PROCEDURAL NOTE**:

1. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – ACTION ITEM

Motion was made by Director Handeen approve the agenda, as posted.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.
Motion passed unanimously.

B. <u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC INPUT</u>:

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. <u>INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Director's Report</u>

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

1. STRIDE MARKETING PRESENTATION – Jamie Cann and Letise Dennis

A detailed presentation was provided regarding the marketing activities for the school for enrollment for next year. Discussion included enrollment and applications to date and the processes to date to address such. Enrollment/applications for next year are higher at this time than they were last year. Last year's transition to PowerSchool slowed down that process.

Discussion included local marketing strategies which include the elements of: earned media, social media and tools, reviews and directories, website and blog, webinars and events, emails and SMS, paid media, and guides, best practices and training. Discussion emphasized the areas of Customer Journey Optimization and IDVA Paid Media.

Partnering with RedSky for marketing locally.

The Directors thanked Ms. Cann and Ms. Dennis for their presentation and the work that is being done on behalf of the school. Mention was made that they are seeing the school's ads and are sharing such.

2. **IDVA 9 + 3 Board Presentation (March 2026) –** Sarah Olivas

   Ms. Olivas presented the Directors with this month's financial report. The report was provided to the Directors in writing in the Board packet. Areas addressed included: Summary & IDVA Metrics, FY26 Forecast and Budget, Restricted Funds, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow.

   Ms. Olivas reported that the student enrollment average was at 2,282 students. This is lower than the budgeted projection by 273 students. This enrollment figure impacts both the school's revenue as well as expenses. She detailed this impact through all the reports to the board.

   Ms. Olivas detailed the various monthly reports for the Directors. The state's next foundation payment is the May 2026 payment. The financials are in a solid place through the end of the year. Restricted funds are where they should be for this time of the year.

   Ms. Olivas addressed the March cash balance and flow. The cash balance remains solid for this time of the year and should remain such for the end of the year. Outstanding Stride payments should be addressed through the next foundation state payment.

   Ms. Olivas stood for questions.

D. <u>INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Board/Staff Discussions</u>

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

1. **Legislative Highlights – Amy White**

   Ms. White presented the Directors with information regarding this past legislative session including matters impacting generally upon education as well as upon charter school programs. Detailed discussions on specific laws will be addressed at the annual meeting.

   Ms. Edginton touched upon the manner in which charter school funding was impacted during the reductions by the legislature. This will be addressed in the final budget presented to the Directors for approval. She also addressed the school no longer being able to directly use IDLA for courses for students. Students can use it through their advanced opportunity funds but that is a price difference of $40 per course to $425 per course. Counseling will work on solutions and will work back.

2. **Executive Director Report – Executive Director, Kelly Edginton**

Ms. Edginton reviewed upcoming calendar items through the end of the school year. She did remind the Directors that the May regular board meeting is earlier – on May 14th.

Ms. Edginton informed the Board that IDVA had two National History Day State winners from 4th grade teacher Amy Kremin's class. Ms. Kremin has a significant interest in this program and involves her whole class.

Ms. Edginton noted that 2021 IDVA graduate, Sierra Salter, agreed to speak at IDVA's Treasure Valley graduation ceremony in Nampa. Ms. Salter was highlighted at the June 2025 Board meeting, and the Board asked the Executive Director to invite her to speak. She will be attending veterinarian school at the University of Washington in the fall.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions.

III. <u>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (These items require a vote by the Directors)</u>

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 March 2026 Minutes**
2. **Approval of March 2026 Monthly Invoices**
3. **Approval of March 2026 Financial Report**

The Consent Agenda was opened for discussion and inquiry.

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

Motion seconded by Director Krein.
Motion approved, unanimously.

IV. <u>SCHEDULED FOR ACTION</u>

A. <u>BUSINESS ITEMS (Requiring Approval Vote)</u>

1. **Draft Budget – Sarah Olivas**

   Ms. Olivas presented the Directors with the draft budget with approval request to continue the budgeting process for a subsequent final presentation and approval of a final budget for next school year.

   The committee has completed its work and the legislative session is now done. There will be sufficient time and work done for a June presentation and approval.

   The budget is presented with an expected decrease in enrollment. This present year's budget was prepared with a higher enrollment figure than the outcome and next year's is being prepared with what is anticipated to be the accurate number, considering actual enrollment this past year and the year prior. The student adjustment figure includes an adjustment to special education numbers.

   The student/teacher ratios projection is also a bit lower with reduced student numbers. There will be some staffing changes for next year. At this time there are interviews and recommendations pending. There are three positions yet to be determined associated with the legislative reductions.

   The budget is prepared with a projected 2% salary increase across the board. The budget has rounded numbers for this projection due to not knowing the exact salary figures for all new personnel and personnel in general and knowing there will be teachers who take summer courses.

   As of this draft there is a projected $38,000 deficit credit for the end of FY 27.

   Ms. Olivas stood for questions.

   Motion was made by Director Thompson to approve the draft budget for presentation in June with anticipated edits as detailed by Ms. Olivas.

   Motion seconded by Director Handeen.
   Motion approved, unanimously.

2. **Approval of Scholarships – Deslynn Mecham**

Ms. Mecham presented information to the Directors regarding the work of the scholarship committee. A total of $28,900 will be distributed this year as part of the program. Ninety Seven applications were received from thirty five applicants. Twenty one students received scholarships. Multiple students applied for multiple scholarships, with the understanding that a student can only receive one.

Fifteen evaluators scored the applications. The students were anonymous and no names were on any of the documentation used for scoring. Three individuals scored each of the applications.

The scholarship recipients were each detailed for the Directors, including which student is recommended for which scholarship and the amounts for such.

Ms. Mecham and the committee stood for questions.

Motion was made by Director Krein to approve the scholarship recipients recommended for award by the committee.

Motion seconded by Director Thompson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

3. July - Annual Face to Face Meeting – Director Thompson

The regular monthly board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. Discussion was held with regard to holding the annual face to face meeting on July 16th with a dinner to be held among directors and administrators on the evening of 15th.

Motion was made by Director Thompson to hold the July annual face to face meeting on July 16th with dinner to be held the evening of the 15th.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.
Motion approved unanimously.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS (Informational Items)

1. Graduation Speakers for 2026 – Kelly Edginton

Discussion was held regarding the various graduation locations and who will be speaking at each of these events. Director speakers has been finalized. Director Thompson will communicate with Ms. Edginton regarding the Speaker being able to present or not. In north Idaho there is a conflicting Republican Party event.

C. POLICY (Requiring an approval vote)

1. Policy 508.0 Conduct on School Property – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton returned this policy for review again after the last meeting. There was not a full board present at the last meeting and they wanted Ms. Edginton to bring this back for a review by Directors who had not seen the modifications.

There is still not a full board present but those who are present were those who were absent at the last meeting. This clarifies what is school property for the purposes of the school. The school's attorney has reviewed the proposed modifications.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions. She responded to an inquiry relation to Hot Spots being supplied to certain students who qualify under the McKinney Vento program.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to approve the modifications to policy 508.0 as presented.

Director Thompson seconded the motion.
Motion was approved, unanimously.

D. PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with the Personnel Report. This included all contacts and work agreements for the Board's approval.

The school will have two retirements this year. Discussion was held regarding the appreciation of these employees and the service they have given to the school and its students. The school has not historically had a lot of retirements.

The budget will have to be settled and finalized prior to deciding if there is going to be a recommendation to back-fill a number of the open positions. Two special education positions are being recommended for refill.

Motion was made by Chairman Thompson to approve the Personnel Report, including issuing the contracts and work agreements, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Handeen.
Motion approved, unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding actions to acknowledge the retirees of the school.

E. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM

No matters scheduled or held.

F. ACADEMIC REVIEW

No matters scheduled or held.

G. PUPIL SERVICES

No matters scheduled or held.

V. INFORMATIONAL/ DISCUSSION ITMES

The Directors would like to discuss formalizing a process to express appreciation for retirees during the July meeting.

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 input was given.

IV ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Thompson at 8:04 PM, seconded by Director Krein.

Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted this __16th__ __ day of __April______ 2026.

Mike Groshong, Board Clerk.