

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

**Monday
December 12, 2022**

7:00pm (MDT)

PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm (MDT).

B. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum was established at 7:13 p.m.

C. ROLL CALL

<i>Seat</i>	<i>Occupant</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Position 1	Chairman Thompson	(7/24)		X
Position 2	Director Shaver	(7/24)		X
Position 3	Director Handeen	(7/25)	X	
Position 4	Director McPherson	(7/23)	X	
Position 5	Director Krein	(7/23)	X	

Positions and Terms pursuant to Policy 103.0

Others present at the meeting:

Kelly Edginton
Mike Groshong
Julie Ingwersen
Kellen MacDonald
Felicia Boyle
Amy White

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PROCEDURAL NOTE:

1. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – ACTION ITEM

Motion was made by Director McPherson to approve the Agenda, as posted.

Motion seconded by Director Handeen.

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 direction 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 5 + 7 Board Presentation (November 2022) – Felicia Boyle

Motion was made by Director McPherson to table oral presentation of financial report.

Motion seconded by Director Handeen.

Motion approved unanimously.

Directors have received a written presentation of the school’s 5 + 7 financial reports for November of 2022 as part of the Board Packet for the meeting.

D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Board/Staff Discussions

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

1. Staff Highlight – Julie Ingwersen, Operations Manager

2. Executive Director Report – Kelly Edginton

Motion was made by Director Handeen to table the Informational Presentation portion of the meeting including the Staff Highlight and the Executive Director Report.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.

Motion approved unanimously.

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 Minutes of November 2022 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Approval of November 2022 Monthly Invoices**
- 3. Enrollment Report**
- 4. Approval of Financial Report**

The consent agenda was opened for discussion and inquiry.

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

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. BUSINESS ITEMS (Requiring Approval Vote)

- 1. IDVA Interest Bearing Checking Account- Felicia Boyle**
- 2. E-Therapy Contract Update – Kelly Edginton**

- 8. Pursue Shared School Resource Officer – Kelly Edginton**

Motion was made by Director Handeen to table items 1, 2 and 8 from the Business Items Agenda.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

- 3. PCSC Annual Report to use for Renewal (old or new framework) – Kelly Edginton**
- 4. Annual Report Response Form – Kelly Edginton**

Ms. Edginton addressed each of the above matters with the Directors associated with the Annual Report. She addressed the results from the old versus new framework and has provided that information to the Directors in

the Board Packet.

Ms. Edginton is recommending that the Board use the new framework for review to go before the commission for renewal.

Ms. Edginton addressed the numerous errors that were in the Commission's initial reports. Even with all the time working with the Commission's staff, errors remain in the most updated reports. Ms. Edginton indicated that she is to simply address the continued errors in the Annual Report Response forms. She has maintained record of all the errors that have existed, what has been corrected to date and what has not been corrected.

Motion was made by Director Handeen to utilize the new framework for the Commission's Annual Report

Motion seconded by Director Krein.
Motion approved, unanimously.

Motion was made by Director Handeen to prepare and submit to the Commission corrections for the old framework response form for the Annual Report.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

Motion was made by Director Handeen to prepare and submit to the Commission corrections for the new framework response form for the Annual Report.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.
Motion approved, unanimously.

5. Charter Renewal Application - Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton returned the Board to this discussion that had started during the last meeting. Since that time the administrative team has reviewed, in full. The Application has been provided in the Director's packet for this meeting.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions and she and the Directors addressed various portions of the application.

Motion was made by Director Handeen to approve and submit the Charter Renewal Application, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

6. Notice and Acknowledgement of Commission Director's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter with Conditions – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton reviewed the remaining proposed conditions from the Commission staff, addressing those that have been dropped due to the school correcting commission staff errors as well as those which remain. Ms. Edginton presented her position and arguments associated with each of the remaining positions, including how such have impacted the currently proposed conditions from the Commission staff.

Ms. Edginton detailed her attempts at Meeting with the staff, along with Chairman Thompson as well as her eventual communications with Commission staff.

The Directors engaged in a very detailed discussion, expressing their displeasure and the appearance that conditions exist or are proposed simply for the purpose of saying they exist and not for addressing any actual concerns at the school.

Initially 4 conditions were proposed. Staff now has their proposal with 3 conditions, with one of the 3 modified from the initial proposal, associated with an enrollment cap.

The choice at this time is to accept renewal with the proposed conditions, accept renewal and object to all proposed conditions or accept renewal and object to some proposed conditions and accept some conditions. In order to challenge any of the proposed conditions, a hearing is held before the Commission.

An enrollment cap is not required by statute. The only area where a cap becomes an issue for a virtual school is with regard to funding. There are limitations in the funding statutes associated with the increase in FTE for each year. By statute this does not prohibit any charter school from accepting students, it just impacts the funding for those students. The amendment for the proposed condition went from a cap of 2700 students to a cap of 5500 students, and allowing for IDVA to seek an increase in that number from the Commission if a circumstance arose where they needed an increase. This change takes into account the fact that the Certificate is a multi-year document and not a single year of increase, which is what the first figure appears to have been based upon.

A remaining proposed condition associated with the financial framework was discussed in detail. This framework does not work with the school's Service Agreement. The reason explained for this proposed condition is for financial

transparency. When asked for detail, none was provided. Discussion was held that all transparency occurs. This appears to be a personal issue and was implemented on the other Stride-affiliated school last year as well.

With the Service Agreement terms, there will never be a financial risk to the school or the state. The Commission staff agrees with this fact but wants Stride to change its practices, though no detail was provided.

Felicia, Stride and the School's auditor have all reviewed the issue and are all taking issue with the Commission Staff's approach.

The last issue addressed was the proposed condition associated with two year growth benchmarks. Only two years of data is available at this time. Populations of students at this level also change each year. There is not consistency in what is being compared. This provides a dis-incentive for schools to accept older students who are in 11th or 12 grade cohorts who are behind on credits but still have the ability to graduate, just not on a 4 or 5 year cohort schedule. Last, there is no rating for this measure so it is not understood why this is a relevant subject matter for a condition. There is no understanding as to where the original proposed figure came from. The number was taken down to 22% with a question of whether that would make the school 'feel better'.

Detailed and lengthy discussion was held between the Directors and Ms. Edginton as to the options and how the school should proceed with regard to the proposed renewal and the proposed conditions.

Motion was made by Director Handeen to accept the Recommendation for Renewal and to accept the proposed condition of a cap at 5500, as stated in the proposed conditions, but to request a hearing and object to the proposed condition 1 and 3 relating to the financial condition and the two-year benchmark, providing discretion to the Administration, Chairman and Counsel to make appropriate decisions, including potentially dropping a challenged proposed condition, as activities develop towards a hearing.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.

Motion approved, unanimously.

7. Updated CIP – Kelly Edginton

The Board reviewed the proposed CIP in July, with approval occurring during the August regular meeting. At that time, the ISAT scores were not finalized for any schools and at that time approval was not including those completed scores.

The school now has completed scores and what is before the board is an updated CIP document with the finalized ISAT scores. If this is approved by the Board, an updated CIP with these scores and submit it to the state.

Motion was made by Director Handeen to approve the updated CIP, with the finalized ISAT scores, directing submission of the same.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS (Informational)

No Business Scheduled or Held.

VI. POLICY READINGS (Requiring an Approval Vote)

No Business Scheduled or Held.

VII. PERSONNEL REPORT (Requiring an approval vote)

- 1. Employee Request to work outside the LEA – Kelly Edginton**
- 2. Personnel Report – Employee Resignation – Kelly Edginton**

The Board's discussion addressed both matters. Ms. Edginton is recommending approval of the request to work outside of the school. This request has gone through the usual process and is recommended for approval.

The personnel report addresses an employee's request to be released from contract and a submitted resignation. Ms. Edginton recommends approval and acceptance of this resignation. The mid-year timing works out for classes and this employee's exit aids with the end of year discussion regarding staffing figures post COVID.

Motion by Director Handeen to approve the employee's request to work outside the LEA and to approve an employee's request for release from contract and acceptance of resignation.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.
Motion approved, unanimously.

VIII. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM.

No Business Scheduled or Held.

IX. PUPIL SERVICES.

No Business Scheduled or Held.

X. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2023 Stride Board and Partner Summit – Kelly Edginton

Motion was made by Director Handeen to table this matter.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.

Motion approved, unanimously.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was scheduled or held.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

No matter was raised by any Director.

XIV ADJOURNMENT

Director Handeen made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.

Motion approved, unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm MDT.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of December 2022.

Mike Groshong
Board Clerk