

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

**Thursday  
November 17, 2022**

**7:00pm (MDT)**

**PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm (MDT).

**B. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Quorum was established at 7:02 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  
Amanda Judd  
Felicia Boyle  
Sheila Shiebler  
Amy White

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. PROCEDURAL NOTE:**

**1. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – ACTION ITEM**

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

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.

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 4 + 8 Board Presentation (October 2022) – Felicia Boyle**

Financial Manager Boyle provided the Directors with an update on the school’s financial status. This presentation was provided in writing as well as orally.

Presentations included a presentation associated with Prior/Current Forecast, Summary of Restricted Funds, Summary Balance Sheet, and Summary Cash Flow.

Ms. Boyle addressed decrease of enrollment addressing both a decrease in revenue but also a decrease in expenses. Enrollment is down 12 students from last reports but up 96 from the budget.

Regarding restricted funds, the goal remains to utilize all restricted funding for FY23 or by the end of the funding eligibility period. Information was provided by program. Details as to the percentage and sums of expenditure, buy program, were provided. Ms. Boyle addressed that the biggest difference in the financial is the manner in which there is an accounting for the foundation payment. The November payment was a little less than budgeted. The school is current with K12 payments. October ended with the school having 3 million in the bank.

The Summary Balance Sheet demonstrated changes to the fiscal position

relating to the receipt of foundation payments, payment of K12 invoices. The Cash Flow Summary was updated through June of 2023.

Ms. Boyle stood for questions from the Directors. She indicated that the annual audit report would be presented later in the meeting agenda.

#### **D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Board/Staff Discussions**

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

##### **1. ISBA Conference Review – IDVA Directors**

Initially Director Krein’s donation was addressed. Appreciation was expressed for her work in this regard.

Ms. Edginton did advise as to Director Handeen’s participation in the debate on resolutions as a representative from Region 9 - the region for charter programs.

The Directors who attended each addressed the conference sessions that they attended and the various things that they learned.

One of the points of discussion was Idaho’s statistics regarding above average learning for poverty students and studies regarding the same. Ms. Edginton indicated to the Directors that there have been years where IDVA’s poverty levels have been in the near 60% of student population ranges.

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

Ms. Edginton’s report addressed the following subject matters:

Ms. Edginton reviewed upcoming calendar items.

- November 18 – School Events (bowling around the state)
- November 21-22 – Student Catch UP Day/Teacher Workday
- November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break
- December 15 – Board Meeting

Ms. Edginton wished everyone a happy holiday break.

#### **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 October 2022 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Approval of October 2022 Monthly Invoices**
- 3. Approval of payment to Stride for: \$ 330,995.56**
- 4. Enrollment Report**
- 5. Approval of Financial Report**

Motion was made by Director Shaver 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. Proposed ACH Process for K12 Payment**

Ms. Edginton and the Directors engaged in a discussion regarding the detailed proposed process associated with payments. All payments, including the K12 payments, will still be approved at the Board Meeting. Additionally, as has been historically done, one designated Board Member will review all invoices prior to payment for approval. This process has worked out very well and has brought about changes in various payment practices associated with the Director's review.

ACH Payment Portal would be used for payment as opposed to the current spreadsheet process.

Ms. Edginton and Ms. Boyle were available to the Board to respond to questions. The general discussion revolved around the fact that this change should have been done earlier in the school's existence. That is a positive step forward in the financial activities of the school.

Motion by Chairman Thompson to approve the proposed ACH Process for K12 payments, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

###### **2. Annual Board Evaluation Tools– Kelly Edginton**

Ms. Edginton raised the issue of the board's previously used evaluation tools, what has been discovered and shared for other resources, that the Provider evaluation aligns with the Services Agreement with K12 and that they had previously determined that the Board would not evaluate the other administrative personnel (other than Ms. Edginton) as Ms. Edginton takes care of the evaluation for these other personnel.

This discussion had been tabled from the last meeting. The three tools up for discussion are: Board Self Evaluation, Provider Evaluation and the Evaluation for Ms. Edginton.

The Directors engaged in discussion about the benefits and concerns that they had with regard to various tools and when they would like to have each addressed, potentially condensing tools or simplifying tools.

A committee was proposed to address this situation and to return to the Board with a recommendation. This would have to be done consistently with open meeting laws as it is a board committee.

Motion by Chairman Thompson to create an evaluation tools subcommittee and to populate the committee with Director McPherson and Director Krein.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

Motion was made by Chairman Thompson to have the Directors complete the current evaluation tools and to have them ready before the annual meeting, with the new tools to take over thereafter.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

**V. BUSINESS ITEMS (Informational)**

**1. ISID Identified as SCI- Grad – Kelly Edginton**

Ms. Edginton addressed IDVA Graduation rate information in 4 year and 5 year cohort rate groupings. The school is out of Comprehensive Support and Improvement Status.

The school's personnel work very hard on tracking down students and where they have gone.

Historically this has been done on 4 year cohorts. This is being changed to 5 year cohort groups.

This is a plan requirement. The plan was provided for the Directors for review and is also on the website. It has been properly submitted.

Director Shaver addressed this issues and a resolution from the business meeting of the ISBA Convention. The desire is to include a GED as counting toward graduation as it is a comparative ending point and as the figures are calculated now, a student who earns a GED is counted against a school. Discussion ensued among the Directors and Ms. Edginton about a positive view of this resolution. Ms. Edginton indicated that the school has historically had numerous students earn a GED and that has been held against the school.

## **2. Official 2022 ISAT Results – Kelly Edginton**

The final results have been delayed for a number of months. The final numbers have been provided to the Directors. If there is an area where there is a blank rather than a number it is because the cohort of students for that subcategory was too small for the detailed information to be provided.

Ms. Edginton indicated that the school overall had good numbers and had good year-over improvement. She reviewed the figures and the various subgroups with the Directors. ELA and Math had very good outcomes. Special Education figures were higher than the state's average.

Ms. Edginton is very proud of the work of the students and staff in addressing post-COVID testing and learning outcomes.

The Directors addressed the school personnel and their deep use of data in addressing student needs, remediation and advancing student outcomes.

## **3. Annual Report and Renewal Recommendation – Kelly Edginton**

Ms. Edginton presented the draft Annual Performance Report from the IPCSC staff. She indicated that the presented report is approximately the third version to date as there were numerous errors and there are still errors in this current draft.

Both IDVA and Insight are meeting all academic standards and exceeding all operational standards. Math Proficiency figures have an uncorrected error. She indicates that the school has done very well against comparison groups, especially with alternative school data.

The recommendation is for renewal with conditions. Ms. Edginton addressed each of the requested conditions and her issues with each of them. She presented valid and problematic issues with each proposed condition. These

appear to be conditions solely for the sake of having some type of a condition. There are mistakes in the proposed conditions, proposed conditions on a non-rated measurement, a proposed condition on a 2 year versus 1 year cohort that is not a proper comparison and a condition to meet a standard that is already met but in error in the report.

The most interesting request for conditions is a requested cap of 2700 students. There is no explanation of why this is being requested. There is an enrollment cap for funding already built into statute. This does not prevent the school from accepting more students; they simply do not get any reimbursement for those students if they were to go above that cap. In operational measurements the school exceeds standards so the basis for this request is unknown.

The last issue is a desire that IDVA no longer be exempt from some or all measurements from the performance framework. This did not come as a surprise as the issue was raised with the companion school last year. Ms. Edginton indicated that she is getting mixed messages regarding what they want in writing for this condition and how it will be applied in practical terms. There is also a concern that what is in writing is and will be followed by any subsequent commission staff and the commission itself, as opposed to what is orally being stated. Ms. Edginton will be meeting with the commission staff on this condition and has requested that Chairman Thompson and Ms. Boyle are also present for the meeting.

Ms. Edginton has until December 15<sup>th</sup> for a decision to be made regarding renewal challenge associated with the proposed conditions. Depending on how those discussions go, a Special Meeting of the Directors may be necessary.

Discussion ensued among the Directors relating to the draft report, the errors and proposed conditions. Ms. Edginton responded to all Director inquiries.

**VI. POLICY READINGS (Requiring an Approval Vote)**

No Business Scheduled or Held.

**VII. PERSONNEL REPORT (Requiring an approval vote)**

No Business Scheduled or Held.

**VIII. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM.**

No Business Scheduled or Held.

**IX. PUPIL SERVICES.**

No Business Scheduled or Held.

**X. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

No Business Scheduled or Held.

**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.**

- Director Shaver made a request regarding interest-bearing status of various school accounts.

**XIV ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thompson made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.

Motion approved, unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm MDT.

Respectfully submitted on this day, November 17, 2022

Mike Groshong  
Board Clerk