



**Minutes of the
Regular Board Of Education Meeting of
March 18, 2025**

I. Regular Board Meeting Called to Order - A Regular Meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Board President Marc Katz at 6:30 pm on March 18, 2025, at the Oakland Schools Technical Campus - Southwest, 1000 Beck Road, Wixom, Michigan.

II. Roll Call – Board Secretary Carol Finkelstein called the roll.

Present: Board Members Marc Katz, Carol Finkelstein, Connie Williams,
George Ehlert

Absent: Board Member Steven Gottlieb

Superintendent Ken Gutman, Deputy Superintendent Chris Delgado, and Assistant Superintendents Dandridge Floyd and Teri Les were present.

III. Public Comments:

The following individuals made comments regarding the Oakland Community College Board vacancy:

- Peter Provenzano
- Tina Kostjuk
- Jennifer Berne
- Kathleen Bertolini
- Brenda Savage
- Nahrein Atkinson
- Pam Jackson
- Kimberly Hurns
- Steve Simpson

The Board President recessed the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

At 7:05 p.m., the meeting was reconvened by the Board President.

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IV. Information from the Superintendent and Administration

- A. Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Ken Gutman shared information regarding the Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year surprise visits.
- B. Legislative Update** – A written legislative update was provided.

V. Regular Working Agenda

A. Board of Education

- 1. Reports – None
- 2. Discussion:
 - a) Oakland Community College Board of Trustees Vacancy – Discussion ensued among Board Members. With general consensus, the Board President stated that the issue would be included on the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of April 1, 2025, to determine the next steps for candidate interviews.
- 3. Action:
 - a) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 4, 2025 and the Special Board Meeting of March 5, 2025 – It was moved by Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 4, 2025 and the Special Board Meeting of March 5, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Williams-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Approval of Pre-Travel Requests of the Regular Board Meeting of March 18, 2025 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the pre-travel requests of March 18, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Williams-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes

Motion carried 4/0

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B. Educational Services

1. Reports - None
2. Discussion – None
3. Action:
 - a) Acceptance of Donation: Student Services – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to accept the donation request submitted by Student Services on March 18, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The item(s) donated include two Skid Steers with values of \$5,000 and \$2,500 for a combined donation value of \$7,500. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Approval of Student Services Overnight Fieldtrips: Oakland Schools Technical Campuses – It was moved by Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the Overnight Field Trip Requests from Student Services on March 18, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

C. Human Resources

1. Reports - None
2. Discussion - None
3. Action:
 - a) Approval of Personnel List of March 18, 2025 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to approve the personnel report of March 18, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

D. Finance, Operations & Shared Services

1. Reports - None
2. Discussion - None
3. Action:

- a) Acceptance of New or Remodeled Facilities – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to accept the completion of the Secure Entry projects at the four technical campus buildings and the reroofing projects at the Northwest and Southwest campus buildings and authorize final payments to the contractors and/or construction manager, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Contract Award (RFP award): Integrated Design Solutions – It was moved by Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute an annual contract of up to \$250,000 per year with an amount not to exceed \$750,000 for a three year contract to Integrated Design Solutions (IDS) for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

- c) Approval of Contract Award (RFP award): TMP Architecture, Inc– It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute an annual contract of up to \$250,000 per year with an amount not to exceed \$750,000 for a three year contract to TMP Architecture, Inc. for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

- d) Approval of Contract Award: Melloy Ford – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$250,496 to Melloy Ford for the period March 19, 2025 to December 31, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

- e) Approval of Contract Award: Melloy CJDR – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$220,248.00 to Melloy CJDR for the period March 19, 2025 to December 31, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

- f) Approval of Budget Amendment: 2nd Amendment - Fiscal Year 2025 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Second Budget Amendment, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

- g) Truth in Budgeting Hearing: Set Date and Time – It was moved by Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to set the Truth in Budgeting Hearing on June 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in compliance with MCL Section 211.24e(3) Truth in Taxation, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

E. Technology Services

1. Report – None
2. Discussion – None

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3. Action:

- a) Approval of Contract Award: Lowery Corporation (dba Applied Innovation) – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$618,021.12 to Lowery Corporation (dba Applied Innovation) for the period March 24, 2025 to June 30, 2030, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Approval of Contract Award: CDW Government, LLC – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00 to CDW Government, LLC for the period March 30, 2025 to March 29, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 4/0

VI. Board Member Comments/Announcements

Board President Katz reminded everyone that the Oakland County School Board dinner meeting will be held on April 2, 2025.

Board Trustee Ehlert requested information regarding the policy governance model that was recently adopted by the Oakland Community College Board. He also mentioned a concern that was shared with him regarding the accessibility of Microsoft programs for students.

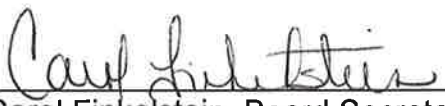
Board Secretary Finkelstein mentioned that State Representatives Sharon MacDonell and Mike McFall have confirmed they plan to attend the OCSBA dinner meeting.

Board President Katz shared his experience as a judge at the State DECA Competition.

VII. Additional Items – There were no additional items.

VIII. Adjournment – Board President Katz adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Approved on April 1, 2025



Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary