



**MINUTES OF THE
TRUTH IN BUDGETING HEARING &
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OAKLAND SCHOOLS
JUNE 3, 2025**

Call to Order - A meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Board President Marc Katz at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.

Board Members Marc Katz, Connie Williams, George Ehlert, Steven Gottlieb, and Carol Finkelstein were present. Superintendent Ken Gutman and Cabinet members were also present.

With the consensus of the Board, Board President Katz requested that a retirement recognition precede the Truth in Budgeting Hearing.

The Board and Administration acknowledged the retirement of Steve Whitmore and his years of service at Oakland Schools as a School Social Work Consultant in the Special Populations Department.

- I. Hearing Called to Order** - A Truth in Budgeting Hearing was called to order by Board President Marc Katz at 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.
- II. Roll Call** – Board Secretary Carol Finkelstein called the roll.

Present: George Ehlert, Marc Katz, Steven Gottlieb, Connie Williams, Carol Finkelstein

Superintendent Ken Gutman was also present along with Deputy Superintendent Chris Delgado and Assistant Superintendents Dandridge Floyd and Teri Les.

III. Truth in Budgeting Hearing - Michelle Saunders, Executive Director of Financial Services, provided the explanation and purpose of the Hearing. She presented the FY 2025 Tax Rate and provided an overview of Oakland Schools Proposed FY 2025-2026 Budget.

There were no public comments.

IV. Hearing Adjournment - The Board President adjourned the Truth in Budgeting Hearing at 6:57 p.m.

V. Regular Meeting Called to Order - A Regular Meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Board President Marc Katz at 6:58 pm on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.

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

Present: Marc Katz, Connie Williams, George Ehlert, Steven Gottlieb, Carol Finkelstein

Superintendent Ken Gutman was also present along with Deputy Superintendent Chris Delgado and Assistant Superintendents Dandridge Floyd and Teri Les.

VII. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

VIII. Information from the Superintendent and Administration

- A. Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Ken Gutman shared information regarding meetings he recently held with legislators and members of the U.S. Department of Education in Washington DC. He also shared information regarding his participation at the 2025 Mackinac Policy Conference. He presented an employee contract renewal list to the Board for approval.

A report on Literacy Essentials Oakland was presented.

- B. Legislative Update – A written update was provided.

IX. Regular Working Agenda

A. Board of Education

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

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the May 27, 2025, Regular Board Meeting - It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Vice President Williams, to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of the Pre-Travel Requests of the Regular Board Meeting of June 3, 2025 - It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the pre-travel requests of the June 3, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

B. Educational Services

1. Report - None
2. Discussion – None
3. Action:

- a) Approval of Common School Calendar: 2026/2027 through 2030/2031 - It was moved by Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the Common School Calendar for 2026/2027 through 2030/2031 to show a full five years in the future, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of Contract Renewal (originally bid): AnthroMed Education - It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract renewal in an amount not to exceed \$15,300,000 to AnthroMed Education for the period September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- c) Approval of Contract Award (RFP award): FMR - It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$520,300 to FMR for the period June 4, 2025, to March 31, 2028, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

C. Human Resources

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

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

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of Contract Renewal List: Fiscal Year 2026 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the Employee Contract Renewal List, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- c) Approval of Contract of Employment: FY26 Cabinet Contracts - It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Cabinet contracts of employment, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

D. Finance & Operations

1. Report - None
2. Discussion:
 - a) First Reading of Fiscal Year Budget Amendments: 3rd Amended Budgets – The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year Budget 3rd Amendments.
3. Action:
 - a) Adoption Of: Fiscal Year 2026 Budgets – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Budgets by approving the General Appropriation Act for the 2025-26 fiscal year, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

Board Trustee Ehlert requested that the count of the LEA budget resolutions regarding the Oakland Schools FY26 budget be included in the minutes as follows:

Supported – Twenty-four Districts
Disapproved – One District
Abstained – One District
Resolutions not submitted – Two Districts

- b) Approval of Tax Request Form L-4029: 2025 – It was moved by Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the 2025 L-4029 Tax Rate Request form, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

E. Technology Services

1. Report - None
2. Discussion – None
3. Action - None

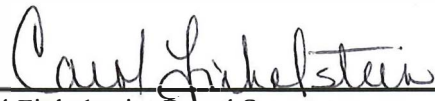
X. Board Member Comments/Announcements

Board President Katz mentioned that a special meeting will be held on June 17, 2025, at 5:30 pm to conduct the Superintendent's annual evaluation and he shared the process timeline. He also shared information regarding advocacy training hosted by the League of Women Voters.

XI. Additional Items – there were no additional items.

XII. Adjournment - The Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Approved on: June 17, 2025



Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary