

**OLD REDFORD ACADEMY**

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**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
OLD REDFORD ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: 6/17/2025  
TIME: 6:00  p.m. /  a.m.  
LOCATION: OLD REDFORD ACADEMY  
CAFÉ BRONZE  
8001 W. OUTER DRIVE  
DETROIT, MI 48235

**Approved**

**MINUTES**  
MEETING TYPE:  REGULAR  SPECIAL  PROPOSED  APPROVED

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESIDENT CECELIA MULLENS** called the meeting to order at 6:06  P.M. /  A.M. on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Cecelia Mullens, President, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Jason Jefferson, Vice-President, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Regina Banks-Hall, Secretary, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Andrew Tyus, Treasurer, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Brian Stephens, Member, Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Mirza Ahmed, Member, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

**ADMINISTRATION** *(all or a portion of the meeting)*  
Mrs. Laura Frey-Greathouse, Superintendent ORA

**OTHERS PRESENT** *(all or a portion of the meeting)*  
Mr. Ben Mercer, MAST Financial Services (Virtual)  
Dr. Lisa Weir, CS Partners  
Ms. Alma Hollins, Board Liaison, Provision

Mr. Jonathan Trout, CMU

*The Proposed Agenda was Distributed.*

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**III. PUBLIC COMMENT** *(on agenda items only)*

None.

**IV. APPROVAL OF June 17, 2025 AGENDA**

**MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 17, 2025 AGENDA.**

AS PRESENTED

WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS, Move the presentation of the Financial Report up after approval of the Election of Officers.

**SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT JASON JEFFERSON SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON**

President Mullens appointed Vice President Jefferson as the Temporary Chairperson to oversee the Election of Officers.

**VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT JASON JEFFERSON MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE THE CURRENT SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VII. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Ben Mercer, MAST's Director of Business Services, reviewed the Financial Report with the Board and entertained questions from the Board concerning the 24-25 Amended Budget and the 25-26 Original Budget.

Comments from the Board: **Member Ahmed** inquired why the proposed deficit was not addressed so that the Academy was not over budget. The Fund Balance should be a buffer and should not be used for regular operational items.

**President Mullens** requested that this be addressed during the Finance Committee meeting.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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**MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT JASON JEFFERSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. May 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes       | h. Civil Rights Representative      |
| b. Account Designation                | i. Title IX Representative          |
| c. Designated Signatory               | j. Official Posting Designation     |
| d. Audit Firm Designation             | k. Newspaper Designation            |
| e. FOIA Representative                | l. CAO/Budget Timeline Resolution   |
| f. Board Corresponding Agent          | m. School Safety Liaison Resolution |
| g. Homeless Liaison Representative(s) |                                     |

**SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IX. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Finance Committee- Treasurer Tyus
- b. Governance/Policy - Vice President Jefferson
- c. Strategic Planning - President Mullens
  - i. Community Committee - Member Stephens

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Academic - Mr. Hancock

**Finance Committee**

Treasurer Tyus shared that the Finance Committee did not meet this month; however, he met with Dr. Weir and Superintendent Frey-Greathouse to review contracts for renewal.

**Governance/Policy Committee**

Vice President Jefferson shared that the Governance Committee met to review the Board Policy updates. Vice President Jefferson shared the legal alerts which included water infiltration as well as the language required for advertising.

**Strategic Planning Committee**

President Mullens shared the following which was discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting:

- CS Partners' plan of action concerning the Educational Performance Report(EPR)
- Culture and Climate Report Format

**Academic Committee**

Mr. Hancock shared that the Academic Committee did not meet this month.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**XI. NEW BUSINESS*****a. FOR BOARD APPROVAL***

- i. 2024-2025 General Fund Amended Budget and Resolution
- ii. 2024-2025 Special Revenue Fund Amended Budget and Resolution
- iii. 2025-2026 General Fund Original Budget and Resolution
- iv. 2025-2026 Special Revenue Fund Original Budget and Resolution
- v. Updated Educational Program
- vi. Henry Ford College MOU
- vii. West Ed MOU
- viii. WRESA Early Literacy Coaching Grant Reimbursement Agreement

**MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS I THROUGH VIII.**

**SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT JASON JEFFERSON SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION:** Superintendent Frey-Greathouse reviewed the updates to the Educational Program with the Board and added that the biggest update pertains to the High School requirements. Community service hours have been added. This requirement will begin in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and culminate with a portfolio in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Mullens inquired how the program was going where Administration tracked down former ORA students to assist them in obtaining their ORA high school diploma.

**ix. Finalsite Proposal**

**MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINALSITE PROPOSAL.**

**SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT JASON JEFFERSON SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION:** Superintendent Frey-Greathouse explained to the Board that the Finalsite proposal is to upgrade the Academy's website and added that the Academy has received a grant that will fund this.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**XII. CS PARTNERS REPORT**

Dr. Weir shared the highlights of the CS Partners report.

Superintendent Frey-Greathouse reported on the following:

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- Staff of the Month for the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools.
- Academic Achievement
- Student truancy is still a chronic issue.
- Marketing efforts - commercials are running.

President Mullens requested that the dashboard (as it relates to ORA's objectives) be included in the presentation every month.

Dr. Weir responded that she would touch base with President Mullens.

### XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

### XIV. AUTHORIZER COMMENTS

Mr. Trout shared the following:

- Need to have the Board's nomination for a Board member by September for the December Trustee meeting.
- Upcoming Events:
  - 6/25 - President's Roundtable in Plymouth
  - 8/15 - Reminded the Board and Administration about CMU's Annual Conference
  - The Academic Performance Report will come out in July

### XV. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

### XVII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT JASON JEFFERSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:32  P.M. /  A.M.**

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Alma S. Collins

Recording Secretary

6/27/2025

Date

Approved by the Old Redford Academy Board of Directors:

Regina Banks Hill

Board Secretary

8/26/2025

Date

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