



**MINUTES OF THE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OAKLAND SCHOOLS
July 8, 2025, 6:30 PM**

I. Meeting Called to Order– An Organizational Board Meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Board President Marc Katz at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.

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

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

Absent: Connie Williams

Superintendent Kenneth Gutman, Deputy Superintendent Christopher Delgado and Assistant Superintendents Dandridge Floyd and Teri Les were also present.

III. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

IV. Organizational Meeting Items

- a) Election of Officers – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Member Gottlieb, to elect the Oakland Schools Board of Education Officers for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 as listed below:

Board President – Marc Katz

Board Vice President – Connie Williams

Board Secretary – Carol Finkelstein

Board Treasurer – Steven Gottlieb

Board Secretary Finkelstein called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

b) Appointment of Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Oakland Schools Board of Education Committee Members: Board President Katz appointed the Oakland Schools Board of Education Members to Board Committees as follows:

- Board Finance Committee: Steven Gottlieb and Carol Finkelstein
- Board Priority Initiatives & Policy Review Committee: Connie Williams and George Ehlert
- Oakland County School Board Association Government Relations Committee: Marc Katz and Carol Finkelstein (alternate)
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments – Steven Gottlieb
- Oakland Schools Education Foundation – George Ehlert
- Board Facilities Committee – Mark Katz and George Ehlert

c) Appointment of the Michigan Association of School Boards Voting Delegate and Alternate or Fiscal Year 2025–2026 - Board President Katz appointed Carol Finkelstein as the Michigan Association of School Boards Voting Delegate and himself as the Alternate Voting Delegate.

d) Approval of the meeting schedule of the Oakland Schools Board of Education for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the Board meeting schedule for Fiscal 2025 -2026. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert – yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 4/0

e) Approval of Board of Education Travel for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve Board Trustee travel to various conferences and events during the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026, as presented by the Administration. Discussion ensued among Board Members regarding travel and conference participation. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert – yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 4/0

- f) Approval of Organizational Memberships for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the organizational memberships for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert – yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 4/0

- g) Designation of Signatories for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Treasurer of the Board and the Secretary of the Board to delegate their respective signature authority to the Superintendent and/or his designee in accordance with Policy #3550 - Authorized Signatures, for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert – yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 4/0

- h) Resolution for Designation of Depositories for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the Resolution for Designation of Depositories in accordance with Policy #3400 - Depository of Funds for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert – yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 4/0

- i) Appointment of Investment Officer for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the appointment of Michelle Saunders, Executive Director of Financial Services, to serve as the Oakland Schools Investment Officer, and Gina Chesnutt, Controller, to serve as the alternate Oakland Schools Investment Officer in the absence of Michelle Saunders, until rescinded. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert – yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 4/0

- j) Approval of Fiscal Agent Agreements for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the Oakland Schools Fiscal Agent Agreements for the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

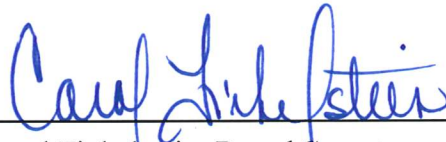
Katz – yes Ehlert – yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 4/0

- k) Report on Multi-Year Leases and Agreements for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 - the Administration provided an annual report on lease commitments and agreements and a written summary of those corporate obligations for the Board's review.

- V. Additional Items** - There were no additional items.
- VI. Adjournment** - The Board President adjourned the Organizational Meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Approved on: August 26, 2025



Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary