

OLD REDFORD ACADEMY

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REGULAR MEETING

OLD REDFORD ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: 4/28/2026

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 6:05 ☒ P.M. / ☐ A.M. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Cecelia Mullens, President, Board of Directors	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Mr. Jason Jefferson, Vice-President, Board of Directors	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Dr. Regina Banks-Hall, Secretary, Board of Directors	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Mr. Andrew Tyus, Treasurer, Board of Directors	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Mr. Brian Stephens, Member, Board of Directors	☐ Present	☒ Absent
Mr. Mirza Ahmed, Member, Board of Directors	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Mr. Sean Waters, Member, Board of Directors	☐ Present	☒ Absent

ADMINISTRATION (all or a portion of the meeting)

Mrs. Laura Frey-Greathouse, Superintendent ORA

OTHERS PRESENT (all or a portion of the meeting)

Dr. Lisa Weir, CS Partners

Mr. Adam Holcomb, MAST Financial Services (Virtual)

Attorney James Crowley, Miller Canfield

Ms. Alma Hollins, Board Liaison, Provision

Mr. Jonathan Trout, School Lead, CMU

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The Proposed Agenda was Distributed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT *(on agenda items only)*
None.

IV. APPROVAL OF April 28, 2026 AGENDA

MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 28, 2026 AGENDA.

[] AS PRESENTED

[X] WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS, MOVE THE OATH OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS MULLENS AND AHMED DOWN TO BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT JASON JEFFERSON SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF April 18, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT JASON JEFFERSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 18, 2026 MEETING MINUTES.

[x] AS PRESENTED

[] WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS,

SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Academic – Mr. Hancock

Finance Committee

Treasurer Tyus reported that the Finance Committee meeting focused on:

- Vendor Contracts
- Operational Items
- Transition

Governance Committee

Vice President Jefferson shared that he will contact the National Charter Institute to set up an appointment to review the Spring Board Policy updates.

Strategic Planning Committee

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President Mullens shared that the Board received communication from CMU and have requested that CS Partners develop a viability plan in response.

Academic Committee

- Superintendent Frey-Greathouse informed the Board that ORA is working through the partnership agreement and shared that goals have been provided to and approved by MDE.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

a. **ORA Strategic Planning KPI**

Superintendent Frey-Greathouse presented the updated snapshot of where the Academy is trending and shared that most of the improvement took place in the employment of certified teachers.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Holcomb shared the April financials and added that the budget for 2026-2027 will be presented at the May Board meeting and for approval at the June Board meeting.

X. CS PARTNERS REPORT

Dr. Weir updated the Board on the following:

- School Performance
 - Leaders Academy
 - Professionalism/Culture
 - Retention and Recruitment
 - Student and Staff Culture
 - Marketing and Enrollment
 - Enrollment tracking template
 - Human Resources
 - Attended MDE's Virtual Job

Treasurer Tyus inquired if the enrollment gaps have been identified.

Dr. Weir responded that they are working on filling the gaps left by the graduating seniors and also are working on matriculation.

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a. Superintendent Frey-Greathouse's Report

Superintendent Frey-Greathouse shared highlights from her report as follows:

- Staff of the Month – March, 2026
 - Ms. Danaka Abron, ES - Kindergarten Paraprofessional
 - Ms. Paula Ratchford, ES - 3rd Grade Teacher
 - Ms. Craig, MS – 7th/8th ELA, Majorette Coach
 - Ms. Elizabeth Sampson, MS Teacher
 - Mr. Mills, HS - Behavior Interventionist
 - Ms. Ross – HS – Art Teacher
- Enrollment & Marketing
 - Recent Initiatives
 - Upcoming Events
 - Media and Visibility Focus
- Operations
 - Recent Progress and Completed Tasks
- Elementary, Middle, and High School Updates

Principal Dixon shared that in conversation with parents, they expressed a desire for more parenting classes and would be interested in joining ORA committees as well.

President Mullens inquired about the Elementary School's partnership status.

Dr. Weir shared that the plan had just been finished and needs to be placed in MICIP.

Principal Dixon added that she feels extremely optimistic and appreciates the support that the Elementary School is receiving.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE.

XII. AUTHORIZER COMMENTS

Mr. Trout shared the following:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Board Presidents' Roundtable in Lansing – May 27, 2026
 - Board Presidents roundtable in Novi – May 28, 2026

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- CMU Annual Conference – August 19, 2026
- CMU Reception – August 18, 2026
- Seniors with a 3.0 GPA can automatically be accepted to CMU.
There are funds available based upon the students' GPAs.

XIII. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE.

XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

President Mullens and Board Member Ahmed were administered the Oath of Office.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT JASON JEFFERSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN

AT 6:57 ☒ P.M. / ☐ A.M.

SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Alma S. Collins

Recording Secretary

5/6/2026

Date

Approved by the Old Redford Academy Board of Directors:

Regin Bank-Hall

Board Secretary

6/09/2026

Date

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