



**MINUTES OF THE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OAKLAND SCHOOLS
July 7, 2026, 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 7, 2026, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.

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

Present: Marc Katz, Carol Finkelstein, Steven Gottlieb, Connie Williams, Gary Hauff

Deputy Superintendent Christopher Delgado and Assistant Superintendents Dandridge Floyd and Teri Les were also present. Dr. Delgado mentioned that Superintendent Kenneth Gutman was in Washington D.C.

III. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

IV. Organizational Meeting Items

a) Election of Officers

Board Trustee Steven Gottlieb nominated himself for the position of Board President for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Board Trustee Carol Finkelstein nominated Board Trustee Marc Katz for the position of Board President. Board Trustee Katz accepted the nomination.

Board Trustee Finkelstein called the roll for the vote on both nominations as follows:

Steven Gottlieb voted for himself.

Connie Williams voted for Marc Katz.

Gary Hauff voted for Marc Katz.

Marc Katz voted for himself.

Carol Finkelstein voted for Marc Katz.

By a 4/1 vote, Marc Katz was elected Board President for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Board Trustee Finkelstein nominated Board Trustee Connie Williams for the position of Board Vice President for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Board Trustee Connie Williams accepted the nomination.

Board Trustee Finkelstein called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Hauff – yes Gottlieb – no Finkelstein - yes

By a 4/1 vote, Connie Williams was elected Board Vice President for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Board Vice President Williams nominated Board Trustee Finkelstein for the position of Board Secretary. Board Trustee Finkelstein accepted the nomination and called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Hauff – yes Gottlieb – no Finkelstein - yes

By a 4/1 vote, Carol Finkelstein was elected Board Secretary for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Board Vice President Williams nominated Board Trustee Gary Hauff for the position of Board Treasurer. Board Trustee Hauff accepted the nomination.

Board Trustee Hauff nominated Board Trustee Gottlieb for the position of Board Treasurer.

Board Secretary Finkelstein called the roll for the vote on both nominations as follows:

Steven Gottlieb voted for Gary Hauff.
Connie Williams voted for Gary Hauff.
Gary Hauff voted for himself.
Marc Katz voted for Gary Hauff.
Carol Finkelstein voted for Gary Hauff.

By a 5/0 vote, Gary Hauff was elected Board Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

b) Appointment of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 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: Gary Hauff and Connie Williams
- Board Priority Initiatives & Policy Review Committee: Carol Finkelstein and Steven Gottlieb
- Board Facilities Committee – Marc Katz and Carol Finkelstein
- Oakland County School Board Association Government Relations Committee: Marc Katz (Delegate) and Gary Hauff (Alternate)
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments – Steven Gottlieb

Board President Katz announced that due to a recent change in the Bylaws of the Oakland Schools Education Foundation (OSEF), there is no longer a voting member seat on the OSEF Board of Directors for the Oakland Schools Board of Education. He stated that Superintendent Kenneth Gutman will represent Oakland Schools on the OSEF Board as a non-voting member.

- c) Appointment of the Michigan Association of School Boards Voting Delegate and Alternate or Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - 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 2026-2027 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to approve the Board meeting schedule for Fiscal 2026-2027. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams - yes Gottlieb – no Finkelstein – yes Hauff - yes

Motion carried 4/1

- e) Approval of Board of Education Travel for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – It was moved by Board Treasurer Hauff, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to approve Board Trustee travel to various conferences and events during the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams - yes Gottlieb – no Finkelstein – yes Hauff - yes

Motion carried 4/1

- f) Approval of Organizational Memberships for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – It was moved by Board Treasurer Hauff, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the organizational memberships for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams - yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein – yes Hauff - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- g) Designation of Signatories for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, 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 2026-2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams - yes Gottlieb – no Finkelstein – yes Hauff - yes

Motion carried 4/1

- h) Resolution for Designation of Depositories for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to approve the Resolution for Designation of Depositories in accordance with Policy #3400 - Depository of Funds for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams - yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein – yes Hauff - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- i) Appointment of Investment Officer for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – It was moved by Board Treasurer Hauff, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, 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 Williams - yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein – yes Hauff - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- j) Approval of Fiscal Agent Agreements for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the Oakland Schools Fiscal Agent Agreements for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams - yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein – yes Hauff - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- k) Report on Multi-Year Leases and Agreements for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - 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

Board President Katz announced that Board Secretary Finkelstein was recently elected as President of the Oakland County School Board Association (OCSBA).

Board Secretary Finkelstein stated that the State Superintendent will be the keynote speaker at the OCSBA meeting scheduled to be held at Oakland Schools at 6:00 pm on September 30, 2026. She also mentioned that she was selected to participate in a national reading of the Declaration of Independence.

VI. Adjournment - The Board President adjourned the Organizational Meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Approved on: August 11, 2026


Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary