

OCS Public Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sep 17, 2025

Location: Odyssey Conference Room and Teleconference

Start Time: Public Meeting at 6:00pm Eastern Standard Time (live and via zoom, see invite below)

Attendance: Present: President Ken Przywara (KP), Vice President Georgia Kollias (GK), Secretary Bridget Davis (BD), Joel Porter (JP), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Costas Fountzoulas (CF), Dimitri Dandolos (DD), Valerie Caras (VC), Monica Loughman (ML)

Absent: Kristen Turner (KT), Dimitri Karakasidis (DK)

Agenda

- Call to order
 - Time: 06:03 pm
 - Initials: KP
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Standard Order of Business
 - Public Comments: none
 - Previous Minutes for August 20th and August 28th
 - **Motion** to approve minutes as presented
 - (JP) 1st and (CF)2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Head of School Report- presented by Elias Pappas
 - School-wide Goal #1: Project updates and approvals, building 27 ground floor completion, grand opening, first day opening
 - Grand opening of building 27 is scheduled for September 18th
 - School-wide Goal #2: Beginning of the year PD, logistics
 - School-wide Goal #3: Enrollment targets, class lists, planning for 26 enrollment: Open House, Recruiting, Step Up Days, Data Analysis from 2025 trends, Adjustments
 - School-wide Goal #4: Culture Plans and Academic Goal Setting
- Building level Updates- presented by Juliana Sheehan
 - Academics: Beginning of year building level check-ins and preparation
 - Behavior: Beginning of year positive behavior supports
 - Upcoming events
- CIA- presented by Juliana Sheehan
 - Professional Development
 - October 10th State-wide PD day



- October 20th PD day
- Instruction
 - DTGSS Goal Setting with staff will take place before October 15th
- Assessment
 - Testing schedules made for the year
- Transportation Report- presented by Josh Baran
 - Professional Development
 - October 10th: The State of Delaware School Bus Roadeo safety competition
 - Planning for 26/27 SY
 - Meeting with the Business Office and the bus dealership to spec out our buses
- Special Education- presented by Jackie McCutchon
 - Standards-Aligned IEP Initiative with University of Delaware's Technical Assistance Team
 - Special Education Coach and Coordinators
- IT Report- presented by Elias Pappas
 - Updating front office front door intercom software
- HR Report- presented by Renee Beamer
 - First Pay of FY26: 9/16/2025; all system updates completed
- Facilities Report- presented by Elias Pappas
 - Shout out to facilities for successfully supporting the grand opening of our new building
 - Focus on individual building needs
- Food Services Report- presented by Elias Pappas
 - Catering
 - Focusing on smooth distribution of breakfast and lunch
- Fundraising and Development- presented by Jackie McCutchon
 - Marketing/Events
 - Grants
 - Recognition
 - Enrollment- shared breakdown per building (2,424 students total)
- Safety and Security- presented by Jackie McCutchon
 - Safety and Security grant funds for new vestibule doors
- Board Approvals
 - Out of state travel
 - **Motion** to approve OOS travel as presented
 - (EJ) 1st (BD) 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Greek Program Report- presented by Ioanna Lekkakou
 - Presented Ellinomatheia results
- Financial Report- presented by Debra Wishnow
 - Follow-up on cost analysis (requested by board members in August 20th meeting)
 - Response is that it has been started and is a lengthy process that will continue
 - Dimitri Dandolos (DD) has requested a meeting with the Business Office, not urgent and at a time of their convenience, to discuss in further detail Cost Accounting measures.

- Monthly Finance Report including Web Report
 - **Motion** to approve Finance Web Report as presented
 - (JP) 1st (EJ) 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Good of the School
 - Amazing turn out of volunteers for Building 27 Move-in
- **Motion** to adjourn
 - (CF) 1st and (BD) 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Meeting adjourned at 07:14 pm