



**ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 13, 2024**

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation (the “Organization”) Board of Directors (the “Board”) held a Board Meeting on March 13, 2024, at 34 S. 3rd Street, Columbus, OH 43215 (the “Meeting”).

**Directors in Attendance:**

Non-Metropolitan: Bambi Baughn, Julie Ehemann, Matt Old, Don Mason, Greta Mayer, Ted St John, Jeannette Wierzbicki

Metropolitan: Denise Driehaus, Keith Hochadel, Dawn Tyler Lee, Greta Johnson

Statewide: Tom Gregoire, Robert Radcliff, Michael Roizen

Legislative: Rob McColley, Phil Plummer

**Directors in Attendance via Zoom:** Mircea Handru, Glenn Miller, Judy Dodge, Jane Portman, Rachel Baker

**Directors Not in Attendance:** Tom Whiston, Scott Sylak, Larry Kidd, Christopher Smitherman, Evan Kleymeyer, David Matia, Duane Piccirilli

**Staff Present:** Alisha Nelson, Jim Quinn, Sarah Anstine

**I. Call to Order & Roll Call of Directors Present**

The Meeting was called to order by Interim Chair Mason at 10:34 a.m. There was a roll call of Directors present. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**II. Welcome and Updates from the Chairman**

Interim Chair Mason welcomed directors and guests in attendance. Sound enhancements have been made to ensure virtual meeting quality.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion duly made by Director Roizen to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Hochadel, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**



The Minutes from the February 14, 2024, Board Meeting were brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon motion duly made by Director Wierzbicki to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2024, meeting, seconded by Director Ehemann, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present.

**V. Personal Story**

Director Ehemann shared a personal story of a Logan County resident.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**a. Grant Oversight Committee:**

Director Gregoire shared that the RFP has been released and registration has opened. The application is almost ready to be released and just needs a few modifications. The Committee and the Board are thinking in depth about how we will address conflicts of interest. We will be having more conversations about this as we sort our way through this process.

Ms. Nelson reported that 117 organizations have registered in the grant portal so far accounting for 17 of our 19 regions. Applications have been received from a variety of organizations; most with budgets less than \$500,000. This includes faith-based organizations, local governments, recovery support entities and housing providers, to name a few. Support from Board members is needed to get the word out about the funding opportunity to ensure a competitive grant cycle in each Region. Staff will work to get the remaining Regions involved.

Ms. Nelson provided an update on the communications plan. We have several resources that are really producing results. From a media perspective, for Ohio media, we had 51 stories reaching approximately 2 million viewers. Globally we had 280 media stories, which is a reach of approximately 780 million viewers.

Ms. Nelson also mentioned that staff visited Dayton area and met with media there and will continue to work with the media to increase media coverage in all of the Regions.

Ms. Nelson mentioned that many have been visiting the [oneohiofoundation.com](http://oneohiofoundation.com) website. In the first 48 hours after our March 4th registration opened, we had 8,100 unique visitors to our website and 92% of them went from our website homepage to the grants headquarters page.

**b. Expert Panel**

Expert Panel member, Lovell Custard, provided an update on the work of the Expert Panel. He shared that a process has been developed to determine the




evidence base of the proposed projects as required by the OneOhio MOU. Applicants who select evidence-based, evidence-informed, practice-based, or promising practice must submit a document summarizing the evidence. Applicants who select Innovation must submit a document justifying why their innovation is needed.

A guide including requirements and definitions will be available to applicants.

Director Mayer asked if applicants use clearing houses or references not included as examples in the compendium. Mr. Novell replied yes, that would be encouraged. They need to upload the citations and use their own research. It is up to the applicants.

Director Hochadel asked if the first slide that introduced the evidence base question be included in the meeting notes. Ms. Nelson replied yes, we can do that.

#### ONEOHIO APPLICATION EVIDENCE BASE QUESTIONS

- How would you describe the evidence base of your proposed project/program?
    - Evidence-based
    - Evidence-informed
    - Practice-based evidence
    - Promising practice
    - Innovation
  - Please upload a document summarizing the research supporting the evidence base of your proposed project/program.
  - If you selected innovation, please upload a document summarizing what evidence supports your proposed project/program.
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Interim Chair Mason emphasized that only those applicants with evidence-based documentation, as required by the MOU, will be considered for funding. He thanked the Committee and Expert Panel for their work.

#### c. Personnel Committee

Director Ehemann reported that the committee met on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and discussed reviewing sections of the personnel handbook at each of their upcoming meetings with hopes to complete it by June. Ms. Nelson continues to work on hiring initial staff. The Committee approved benefits and a compensation schedule during Executive Session at their meeting. The Committee's next meeting is on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 3 pm.

## VII. Executive Director's Update



Ms. Nelson shared that that in lieu of holding our own listening sessions right now, we have partnered with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to participate in their SOS 4.0 Regional Engagement Sessions. These events will take place in Dayton, Athens, Akron, Toledo, and Columbus. Staff will join them as they are able to. They will be joining us at a future Board meeting to share more about their funding opportunities.

All the Foundation's events are available online and include the Impact Academies and the Statewide Grant Applicant Training Sessions which will begin in April. Ms. Nelson asked the Board to help get the word out to your regions about the training sessions.

Information Sessions are posted on the website. Regions 2, 7, 1, 17 are scheduled. The goal is for the Regional Boards to introduce themselves to the Community and provide an overview of the 2024 Regional Grant Cycle.

Two of the three Impact Academy have occurred. The first two covered recovery housing and recovery supports and the remaining covers prevention. Over 900 registrants for the three events. Ms. Nelson encouraged the Board to share their ideas for other relevant Impact Academy topics.

Director Tyler Lee asked if there are other ways that we can get the word out in addition to social media. Ms. Nelson replied that there is a toolkit available on the website that includes ample articles and more. Ms. Nelson also shared that if the Board of Directors or any Regional Board members are approached by the media related to OneOhio, then they should let the OneOhio staff and/or Connie Luck our Communications Vendor know, and we can provide talking points and guidance.

## **VIII. Financial Report**

Mr. Quinn reviewed the new budget report. It shows what's happening in real time. Categorical expenses are approved by the Board annually and are estimates of what we believe will be needed. Changes in allocated line items can be made by the Audit Committee up to 10%. Any changes above 10% of the budget must be put before the Board for a vote.

The Foundation is at 92% of Operating Budget remaining. The Foundation has been very conservative in its spending and saved over 50% in the months of January and February for example.



Mr. Quinn reviewed the Cash Report. Important work needs to be done regarding the Foundation's investment status. At the next meeting Mr. Quinn will lead a more in-depth discussion about how the Foundation invests moving forward, including considering how the Foundation will approach funding beyond the settlement dollars. Any board member who has expertise in this area should inform the Board leadership so the investment committee can be expanded.

Director McColley asked if we anticipate a longer discussion about whether to invest these funds further. Interim Chair Mason responded that a definitive decision cannot be made until we have a strategic plan to present to a financial planner.

Director Driehaus said that the Foundation also needs to consider the distribution model for allocation of funds and how we move forward. Interim Chair Mason said that was a good point, but we also must determine the longevity of the organization.

Upon motion duly made by Director Radcliff to approve the February 2024 unaudited financial report, seconded by Director Gregoire, the Motion passed by unanimous consent of Directors present.

## **IX. Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

The undersigned, being the Secretary of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board of Directors, hereby attests that these minutes are a true and correct original of the March 13, 2024, Board Meeting.

Keith Hochadel

[Keith Hochadel \(May 1, 2024 13:38 EDT\)](#)

Signature

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Date