



**ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation (the “Organization”) Board of Directors (the “Board”) held a board meeting on September 13, 2023, at 34 S. 3rd Street, Columbus, OH 43215 (the “Meeting”).

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Non-Metropolitan: Bambi Baughn, Julie Ehemann, Jeff Fix, Mircea Handru, Matt Old, Don Mason, Greta Mayer, Glenn Miller, Kathryn Whittington, Jeannette Wierzbicki

Metropolitan: Judy Dodge, Keith Hochadel, Dawn Tyler Lee, David Matia, Duane Piccirilli, Deborah Matz, Scott Sylak

Statewide: Tom Gregoire, Larry Kidd, Robert Radcliff, Christopher Smitherman

Legislative: Rachel Baker, Evan Kleymeyer, Phil Plummer

**Board Members Not in Attendance:**

Denise Driehaus, Jane Portman, Michael Roizen, Rob McColley

**Staff Present:**

Jim Quinn, Alisha Nelson

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

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kidd at 10:30 a.m. There was a roll call of directors present. A quorum was present for the Meeting.

**II. Welcome and Update from the Chair**

Chairman Kidd welcomed new directors, Representative Phil Plummer, Ms. Dawn Tyler Lee, and Ms. Deborah Matz.

**III. Annual Meeting**

Chairman Kidd requested that the Board postpone the Board's Annual Meeting to the October Board Meeting. Upon Motion duly made by Director Fix to postpone the Annual Meeting to the October 2023 Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Director Old, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present.

**IV. Introduction of Ms. Alisha Nelson**

Chairman Kidd introduced Ms. Alisha Nelson as the Organization's executive director, effective September 11, 2023. Ms. Nelson gave the Board an overview of her professional experience and outlined her goals for the coming year in the role of executive director. Ms. Nelson stated she would be reaching out to all directors to set up introductory meetings in the near future.

**V. Item for Action**

**A. Minutes from the August 9, 2023, Board Meeting**

The Minutes from the August 9, 2023, Board Meeting were brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Director Fix to adopt the Minutes from the August 9, 2023, Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Director Whittington, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present.

**VI. Honoring Those Impacted by Addiction**

Chairman Kidd stated that September is Recovery Month in the United States and invited Director Hochadel to share his personal addiction journey with the Board. Director Hochadel addressed the Board about his addiction to opioid pain pills and life in recovery.

**VII. Executive Session- Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3)**

Chairman Kidd requested the Board go into Executive Session. Upon Motion duly made by Director Mason to enter Executive Session to discuss pending court action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3), seconded by Director Mason, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.

Chairman Kidd called for the end of Executive Session at 11:18 a.m.

**VIII. Governor DeWine Presentation**

Chairman Kidd introduced Governor DeWine to address the Board. Governor DeWine thanked Directors for volunteering their time to lead the Organization and for sending him three (3) strong candidates for him to choose a permanent executive director from and he congratulated Ms. Nelson on becoming the executive director.

Governor DeWine stated that no foundation has even been set up like the Organization in Ohio. He gave directors a history of how the Organization was established and stated he is excited to see the work of the Organization in the future.

**IX. Investment Presentation**

Chairman Kidd introduced representatives from Key Bank to give the Board a presentation on investment strategies for the Organization. Mr. Joshua Halter discussed how the Organization can utilize investment in a way to ensure that the regions can have predictable allocations on a yearly basis.

Investment scenarios were discussed where the Organization's funds would be fully expended by 2036, 2050, and creating an endowment that would allow the Organization to continue in perpetuity.

Director Smitherman asked when the Board will make the decision whether to establish an endowment. Chairman Kidd stated that given the inverted market conditions, the Organization is not at a point where a decision needs to be made today. Instead, the Organization can take a more systematic approach over the next several months. Chairman Kidd asked the Investment Committee to make a recommendation to the Board as to creating an endowment.

Director Gregoire stated he hopes Ms. Nelson would also be able to recommend a strategy to the Board for how much money should be invested.

**X. Financial Report Update**

Mr. Quinn gave the Financial Report Update. The budget line item for legal expenses needs to be increased due to legal expenses exceeding budgeted expectations. Mr. Quinn recommends the line item be increased by \$150,000.

The August Cash Balance was reviewed with the Board.

Upon Motion duly made by Director Wierzbicki to approve amending the Organization's 2023 Budget to reflect an increase in the legal expenses line item by \$150,000, seconded by Director Mason, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present.

**XI. Committee Reports**

**A. Audit & Finance Committee**

There was no report.

**B. Grant Making Oversight Committee**

Director Gregoire stated the committee met on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The committee will hold a joint meeting with the Audit & Finance Committee meeting in the near future.

## **XII. Communications Report**

Ms. Luck gave the Communications Report. Media relations were discussed. There has been a considerable amount of work regarding the announcement of the new executive director. Several board members were interviewed by television outlets across Ohio in the past weeks.

Stakeholder engagement was discussed. The 3rd quarter newsletter was distributed to the Organization's mailing list. Several awareness days are coming up, and the Organization's social media pages will highlight these days.

Ms. Luck met with Ms. Nelson to finetune the communications plan for the rest of the year and prepare for the grant application rollout.

## **XIII. Open Discussion**

Ms. Nelson stated she looks forward to working with all directors in the near future.

Director Tyler Lee inquired as to how to join a committee. Chairman Kidd ask that Director Tyler Lee meet with Ms. Nelson to discuss joining a committee.

Director Ehemann asked that a new board roster be sent out.

## **XIV. Executive Session- Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1)**

Chairman Kidd requested the Board go into Executive Session. Upon Motion duly made by Director Mason to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), seconded by Director Fix, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present. The Board entered Executive Session at 12:16 p.m.

Chairman Kidd declared the end of Executive Session at 12:29 p.m.

## **XV. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board Room**

## **XVI. Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon Motion duly made by Director Fix to adjourn the September 13, 2023, Board Meeting, seconded by Director Kleymeyer, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of directors present. The Meeting was adjourned by common consent at 12:30 p.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 September 13, 2023, Board Meeting.

  
Keith Hochadel (Oct 12, 2023 13:05 EDT)

Signature

Oct 12, 2023

Date