

School District 4150: Minnesota Online High School

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Online Learning Option Law		Mission Statement & Vision	
Authorizer	Accreditation	Charter School Law	Organizational Chart
Acronyms	Bylaws	Strategic Plan	Data Practices Act

Date: 3/24/2026

Purpose: Regular

Type: Open

Minute Location: www.mnohs.org/board-of-directors

Board Meeting Schedule: [SY 2025-2026](#)

Board Members	Role	Present	Voting Type	Term Ends
Tracy Quarnstrom	Ex Officio	☒	Non-voting	N/A
Mary Derosier	Member	☐	Community	June 2026
Sarah Benson	Secretary	☒	Teacher	June 2028
Ashley Jensen	Vice President	☒	Teacher	June 2027
Tanya Hoskin	President	☒	Parent	June 2027
Kelley Velleux	Member	☒	Teacher	June 2027
Heide Miller	Treasurer	☒	Community	June 2027
Kelly Dietrich	Member	☒	Community	December 2028
Martha Airhart	Member	☒	Community	January 2027
Lynne Deitz	Member	☒	Teacher	June 2028
5 out of 9 are needed for quorum	Total Voting Members:	8	Virtual Attendees: Sarah Benson, Kelly Dietrich, Martha Airhart, Lyne Deitz	
	Quorum Status:	MET		

Guests	Organization	Role	Open Forum?
Erin Laverly	Indigo	Special Education Director	☐

Wendy Swanson-Choi	NEO	Authorizer	☐
Tu Nguyen	NEO	Authorizer	☐
Melissa Greene	MNOHS	SpEd Coordinator	☐
Anastasia Martin	MNOHS	Academic Director	☐
Melissa Barrows	Indigo	Special Education Director	☐
Peter Glaser	MNOHS	Teacher	☐
Katie Tauer	MNOHS	School Counselor	☐
Miriam Birdsell	MNOHS	School Counselor	☐
Katie Parker-Riccio	MNOHS	Teacher	☐
Heather Dehn-Brastad	MNOHS	Teacher	☐
Laila Alamy	MNOHS	Teacher	☐
Amber Lamp	MNOHS	Teacher	☐

Call to Order:	Time: 6:30
By: Tanya Hoskin	
Mission Statement Read By: Tracy	
Acknowledgement of Open Forum Guests By: N/A	
<u>Open Forum Guidelines</u> Read By: N/A	
Conflict of Interest Inquiry: None declared	

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda:			Time: 6:31
Motion: To approve the agenda and consent agenda for the March 2026 board meeting.			
Made By: Kelley V		Seconded By: Heide	
Discussion: N/A			
Yea: Sarah Benson, Heide Miller, Kelley Velleux, Martha Airhart, Lynne Deitz, Ashley Jensen, Tanya Hoskin, Kelly Dietrich			
Nay:			
Abstain:			
Motion Carried?	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ No Quorum

Indigo Special Education Presentation:	Time: 6:33
By: Dr. Erin Lavery and Marissa Borrows	
Discussion: State SpEd budget. Charter schools are going to likely see a deficit in SpEd funding. MNOHS will be challenged to continue to meet all student needs with fewer funds. Charter schools will be asked to cover 14% with this new bill instead of the current rate of 10%. MNOHS need to closely review what expenditures could be reduced.	

NEO Authorizer Transition:	Time: 6:59
By: Tu Nguyen, Wendy Swanson-Choi, Tracy Quarnstrom	
Discussion: Everything is on track with the proposed timeline with the exception of a letter of agreement from PUC to end the current contract with MNOHS. MDE won't accept the CIA until the PUC letter is included. PUC claims they are not in corrective action but that is inaccurate. Tracy is meeting with PUC on Thursday for clarity.	

School Spotlight/Investigations of Systems:	Time: 7:04
By: Tracy	
SWIM class success: Shared some statements students made in the course on why they love MNOHS/why they chose MNOHS.	
March bi-monthly newsletter: Newsletters and comms have been amped up this year, more info and more often for families.	

Executive Director Report & Discussion:	Time: 7:06
By: Tracy	
Review Academic and Non-Academic Goals: MNOHS data team reviewed goals and determined which data pulls were both reasonable and helpful.	
PUC Updates: ED continues to meet with PUC staff to get clarification on whether or not PUC will release MNOHS to another authorizer and what the status is on MNOHS current contract with PUC since MDE did not approve the contract that was submitted on (need date). MDE notified MNOHS that the contract was not approved in October 2025.	
NEO Transfer Checklist: MNOHS data team pulled reports for NEO, everything is on track per the checklist. Just waiting on PUC as noted above.	



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Purposes of a Charter School in Statute: [Sec. 124E.01 MN Statutes](#)

Creative Planning Budget:		Time: 7:25	
Motion: To approve the creative planning financial report and supplemental report.			
Made By: Heide		Seconded By: Kelley V	
Discussion:			
Yea: Sarah Benson, Heide Miller, Kelley Velleux, Martha Airhart, Lynne Deitz, Ashley Jensen, Tanya Hoskin, Kelly Dietrich			
Nay:			
Abstain:			
Motion Carried?	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ No Quorum

Finance Committee Report for March:		Time: 7:27	
Motion: To approve the Finance Committee report for March 19, 2026 meeting.			
Made By: Heide		Seconded By: Kelly D	
Discussion: Tracy shared specific items in which MNOHS is looking to save money by reducing third party bills.			
Yea: Sarah Benson, Heide Miller, Kelley Velleux, Martha Airhart, Lynne Deitz, Ashley Jensen, Tanya Hoskin, Kelly Dietrich			
Nay:			
Abstain:			
Motion Carried?	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ No Quorum

Fall 2026 Enrollment Lottery:		Time: 7:35
Motion: Accept the results of the enrollment lottery.		
Made By: Kelley V		Seconded By: Martha A

Discussion: 24 current applications will now be notified that they are accepted for Fall 2026. Now, since we had the lottery, we can take applications on a first come first serve basis.			
Yea: Sarah Benson, Heide Miller, Kelley Velleux, Martha Airhart, Lynne Deitz, Ashley Jensen, Tanya Hoskin, Kelly Dietrich			
Nay:			
Abstain:			
Motion Carried?	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ No Quorum

Enrollment Updates:	Time: 7:37
By: Tracy	
Discussion: We are doing a MARSS audit and expect to find errors which benefit MNOHS.	

Executive Director Evaluation:	Time: 7:42
By: Tanya	
Discussion: Tracy waived her right to a closed meeting to review results in order to remain transparent. Eval committee met to compile results. Tanya met with Tracy to go over the results. Kelley V shared that some of the questions refer to job duties of other staff. Tanya agreed, we should review the questions next year to make sure it better aligns with the ED's job description. Tracy developed goals based on the eval. Goals will be approved in the April meeting.	

Executive Director Agreement for SY 2026-2027:	Time: 7:57
Motion: To accept the changes made as indicated	
Made By: Heide	Seconded By: Ashley
Discussion: Sarah Benson, Heide Miller, Kelley Velleux, Martha Airhart, Lynne Deitz, Ashley Jensen, Tanya Hoskin, Kelly Dietrich	
Yea:	
Nay:	
Abstain:	
Motion Carried?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ No Quorum



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NEO Contract:		Time: 7:59	
Motion: To accept the draft NEO contract and performance goals with needed revisions.			
Made By: Kelley V		Seconded By: Lynne	
Discussion:			
Yea: Sarah Benson, Heide Miller, Kelley Velleux, Martha Airhart, Lynne Deitz, Ashley Jensen, Tanya Hoskin, Kelly Dietrich			
Nay:			
Abstain:			
Motion Carried?	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ No Quorum

State of the School:		Time: 8:02	
By: Tracy			
Made By: Sarah		Seconded By: Kelly D	
Discussion:			
Yea: Sarah Benson, Heide Miller, Kelley Velleux, Martha Airhart, Lynne Deitz, Ashley Jensen, Tanya Hoskin, Kelly Dietrich			
Nay:			
Abstain:			
Motion Carried?	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ No Quorum

Policy Review and Revision: Academic Honesty Policy	Time: 8:06
By: Tracy Quarnstrom	
Discussion: Board will independently review this policy and vote on changes at the April 2026 meeting.	

Adjourn:		Time: 8:08
Motion: To adjourn the March 2026 school board meeting.		
Made By: Ashley		Seconded By: Lynne
Discussion:		



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Yea: Sarah Benson, Heide Miller, Kelley Velleux, Martha Airhart, Lynne Deitz, Ashley Jensen, Tanya Hoskin, Kelly Dietrich

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ No Quorum