

OAEO Trustees Minutes
April 20th, 2023

Sherry Poland called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

Roll was taken.

Trustees present: Paul Adams, Tony Perlatti, LaVera Scott, Bill Rich, Michelle Wilcox, Antone White, Angela White, Jeff Rezabek, Chris Burnett, Bryce Miner, Faith Lyon, Steve Cuckler, Terry Burton, Aundrea Carpenter-Colvin.

Trustees not present: Amy Erisman (excused), Judith Craig, Frankie Dicarlantonio, Joseph Mallory, Ranae Lentz, Marilyn Jacobcik

Sherry Poland asked that members raise their hands in chat when they wished to speak and stated that any motions would be typed in the chat for people to see before any votes were taken on the motions.

Sherry Poland asked if there was any old business to come before the trustees. There being none she asked if there was new business to come before the trustees.

SB 92, August special election bill

Jeff Rezabek reviewed the discussion at the legislative committee.

Jeff Rezabek moved that OAEO oppose SB 92. Bill Rich seconded the motion.

Roll was taken and the motion passed 13-1.

SB 71, DATA Act

Terry Burton reviewed the 5 issues that the legislative committee asked to be addressed in the bill, and suggested that if all the issues were addressed, OAEO should be a proponent of the bill.

Paul Adams agreed that we should weigh in, saying that the bill was going to move and we needed to have a voice in the final product.

Jeff Rezabek agreed with Paul and suggested that three of the issues identified had either been addressed or the sponsor has promised to address them in the future.

Bill Rich proposed that we seek amendments and remain an interested party.

Terry Burton agreed with Bill but suggested we need to offer our support if the amendments are adopted.

Paul Adams moved that OAEO become an Interested Party and if the five issues identified by the legislative committee are addressed, the trustees should reconvene and vote to become a proponent. Bill Rich seconded the motion.

There was a conversation on the motion and how the association should proceed both logistically and from an advocacy standpoint.

Roll was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Sherry Poland asked if there was any other business to come before the trustees.

Jeff Rezabek stated that he was concerned that the \$13 million it cost boards to run the August election in 2022 would not be sufficient to run an August election in 2023. He suggested that the full \$20M appropriated in SB 92 was necessary. Tony Perlatti agreed and noted that Cuyahoga County has a September 12th primary.

Sherry Poland mentioned that for much of the past two years, OAEO leadership has had a standing call with SOS senior staff every two weeks. That was discontinued in the lead up to the last election, but she is asking that those conversations restart. Aaron Ockerman mentioned that many of the issues brought up on today's call were ripe for discussion as part of those calls.

Bill Rich moved to adjourn. Bryce Miner seconded. The trustees adjourned at 3:55pm.