

**Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Special Strategic Planning Meeting
December 15, 2022**

Directors Present: Colleen Hansen (via Zoom), Mel Hernandez, Nick LaRusso (via Zoom), Becky Lund, Suzanne McInroy, Sasha Ross (via Zoom), Diane Ruday (via Zoom), Jennie Winter

Directors Absent: Bavi Weston

Advisors Present: Brett Wedlund, Michael Pelofske (via Zoom), Missy Johnson (via Zoom), Gail Gilman (MSBA via Zoom)

Others in Attendance: Nova staff, parents (Note: While this meeting was held in-person at 1455 Victoria Way, it was also made available on Zoom.)

I. Welcome

At 5:03, Ms. Winter welcomed people and reminded them about previous opportunities for people to be involved in the strategic plan process. She also reminded everyone that the public is welcome to attend this meeting, but there will not be a time for public comment. Questions and comments about the strategic plan may be sent to Dr. Wedlund instead.

Ms. Gilman reviewed the strategic plan process and shared the latest draft of the strategic plan.

Nick LaRusso arrived at 5:10 pm.

Dr. Wedlund shared the updates to the strategic plan made after feedback from the last meeting.

II. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm. Jennie Winter chaired the meeting.

III. Business Meeting: Approval of Agenda

Ms. Lund moved to approve the agenda. Ms. McInroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion Regarding the Strategic Plan

There was discussion regarding class sizes and why that isn't specifically in the plan. Dr. Wedlund said that because we wouldn't trade other pieces in the plan for smaller class sizes, it seemed more like a strategy to meet an objective rather than an objective itself. There was discussion and the Board would like an additional objective added to the plan to include a review of class size. There was further discussion and a few additional edits were suggested. Dr. Wedlund gave a brief summary of the timeline for addressing the objectives of the strategic plan. There was further discussion.

Ms. Gilman reviewed the five stages of board development, the board governance model, and the development of a strategic governance framework. She also spoke about the standards for school board leadership. Ms. Gilman then led the Board through the results of the board self-evaluation. Ms. Gilman stated that in her experience, that she looks to see if “always” and “almost always” are 50% or greater and “never” and “don’t know” are small percentages. A challenge would be to move the “some of the time” to “almost always” or “always”. She sees the “never” and “don’t know” as opportunities for learning. There was discussion as the Board looked at the results. Ms. Gilman will provide a summary of comments regarding the board self-evaluation.

V. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, January 30, 2023.

VI. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.