



# GOLDEN CHARTER ACADEMY

GOLDEN CHARTER ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

2:30 PM via Teleconference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82381191653>

### I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- A. Public Meeting Called to Order at 2:34 p.m. by Trustee González.
- B. Roll Call taken at 2:34 p.m.

<i>Board of Trustees</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Dr. Ed González, Board Chair	X	
Keshia Thomas, Vice Chair	X	
Dr. Brad Huff	X	
Dr. Bard De Vore	X	
Ruthie Quinto	X	
Scott Barton		X

<i>Corporate Officers</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Robert Golden	X	
Martha Arellano	X	

- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Agenda  
Trustee Huff made a **motion** to approve the April 29 Agenda, seconded by Trustee Quinto. **Motion passed.**

(AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)

### E. Public Comment

*This portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the audience to make comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda or items that may be on the agenda. Each presentation will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Unless an item has been placed on the published agenda in accordance with the Brown Act, there shall be no action taken, nor should there be comments on, responses to, or discussion of a topic not on the agenda. Board members may: (1) acknowledge receipt of information/report; (2) refer to staff with no direction as to action or priority; or (3) refer a matter to another agenda. The Board is not obligated to make comments.*

No public comments available.

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## **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consent agenda items are for routine matters that do not require discussion or deliberation by the Board. The Consent calendar permits the Board to approve multiple items in one action without discussion. All Board members have the right to remove a consent item from the consent calendar so that normal discussion and deliberation may take place. If a Board members requests that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda, the item will be pulled for discussion and separate action.*

- A. April 15, 2021 draft Board Meeting Minutes;  
Trustee Huff made a **motion** to approve the April 1 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Trustee De Vore. **Motion passed.**

(AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)

Items II.B – II.D pulled from Consent Agenda for discussion.

- B. Benefits Amounts – Staff Insurance Allocations (80% or up to \$6,000);  
Trustee González clarified that employees will choose whichever plan they prefer from a list of providers and GCA will pay either 80% or up to \$6,000 for insurance plan. Trustee Huff made a **motion** to approve the Benefits Amounts of 80% or up to \$6,000, seconded by Trustee De Vore. **Motion passed.**

(AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)

- C. Revised Classified Salary Schedule;  
Trustee Huff made a **motion** to approve the Revised Classified Salary Schedule, seconded by Trustee De Vore. **Motion passed.**

(AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)

- D. Classified Work Year Calendar;  
Trustee Huff made a **motion** to approve the Classified Work Year Calendar, seconded by Trustee Quinto. **Motion passed.**

(AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)

## **III. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

### **A. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

#### **CEO REPORT (Robert Golden, President & CEO)**

- i. Lottery (April 30, 2021) – Lottery Registration Numbers  
The Lottery Enrollment will take place on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. It will take place at the GCA Office and be live streamed on social media. All FUSD students exempt from the lottery and automatically accepted for enrollment as per GCA Enrollment Preferences. All Lottery and Waitlisted students comprised of those who fell outside of FUSD boundaries.



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- TK – 4 spots available, 7 on the waitlist; Kinder – 6 spots available, 16 on the waitlist, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 12 on the waitlist; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 10 spots available, 15 on the waitlist; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – all registered students accepted
- ii. Teacher Interview Update – Teacher Selects  
In-Field Practicum takes place at Lost Lake on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Projection of full teaching staff by the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting, currently 6 Teacher Selects and hoping to fill remaining positions at the conclusion of the in-field practicum.
- iii. Classified Hiring Update – Administrative Assistant and Attendance Secretary candidates will be proposed to the Board in a future meeting.
- iv. Grants/Revolving Loans – State Revolving Loan application submitted. Not advanced for New Venture Capital Grant. PCSGP Grant and Charter Growth Seed Fund applications still being reviewed. ICSI has been approved for a grant to implement services at GCA (counseling, mentoring, group therapy).
- v. FUSD Update – Introduction meeting with the new FUSD Charter Office Manager, talking over the vision for GCA. FUSD SELPA meeting scheduled to know what services to utilize.
- vi. Press and Latest News – Article published on the AZA website, leading to numerous inquiries and national recognition.

**FACILITIES REPORT (Trustee González)**

Trustee González informed the Board that the Lease Agreement has been signed by both parties, the keys have been exchanged, and clean-up of the facility will commence before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee González notified the Board that negotiations with the Hmong Memorial Chapel are in motion, including obtaining the lot adjacent to that property currently owned by the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. The vision is to increase the footprint on the Belmont facility if possible.

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Jim Weber, Charter Impact)**

Jim Weber suggested submitting a proposed budget to FUSD in their format prior to the deadline on May 14<sup>th</sup>. FUSD will review and approve the proposed budget in a public hearing. LCAP being drafted, with assistance from Trustee Quinto.

**B. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

1. Governance/Bylaws Committee (*González / Thomas*)  
Attorneys are reviewing bylaws and governance.  
Individual committees need to have meeting minutes and submit minutes to the Board Chair.  
Language in the bylaws being adjusted to accept future donations.
2. Nominating Committee (*De Vore / Golden*)  
Scott Barton nominated for the Nominating Committee.



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### C. BOARD UPDATES

1. Board went through Assigned “Buckets” and gave a brief update on progress for each listed item.

### IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Resolution of Committees.  
After some discussion, Trustee González made a **motion** to table the Resolution of Committees for a future Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Thomas. **Motion passed.**  
(AYES: 5 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)
2. Approval of Employee Handbook.  
Trustee De Vore made a **motion** to table the Employee Handbook for a future Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Huff. **Motion passed.**  
(AYES: 5 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)
3. Approval of Arbitration Agreement.  
Trustee Huff made a **motion** to approve the Arbitration Agreement template, seconded by Trustee De Vore. **Motion passed.**  
(AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)
4. Approval of Teacher Selects.  
Teacher Selects are the following: Regina Holly (TK), Melanie Smith (Kinder), Manpreet Gill (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Noemy Soto-Rubio (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Marisa Gutierrez (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), and Joshua Oatley (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade). Trustee De Vore made a **motion** to approve the Teacher Selects, seconded by Trustee Huff. **Motion passed.**  
(AYES: 5 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)
5. Approval of Curriculum (ELA, Science, and Math).  
Trustee Thomas made a **motion** to approve the curriculum, seconded by Trustee De Vore. Amplify will be utilized for ELA and Science curriculum; McGraw-Hill Reveal will be utilized for Math curriculum. **Motion passed.**  
(AYES: 5 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)

### V. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

*This is an opportunity for Board members to take comments/updates from fellow board members, address activities, correspondence, and operations, and/or to acknowledge or recognize specific programs, activities, or personnel.*

**Special Board Meeting:** Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 3:30 PM via teleconference (Zoom).

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 2:30 PM via teleconference (Zoom).



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Suggested agenda items

- i. Contracts for Teachers, Administrative Assistant, Attendance Secretary, Office Technician, Paraeducators, Education Specialist, and Ed. Specialist Paraeducator
- ii. Global Thematic Units
- iii. Transportation
- iv. Discipline Matrix
- v. Directors and Officers Insurance
- vi. Breakfast/Lunch Program
- vii. Visual and Performing Arts Program (Arts and Music)
- viii. After-School Program
- ix. SELPA

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

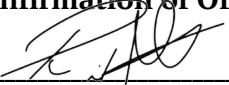
No reportable actions from Closed Session.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Huff made a **motion** to adjourn the April 29 Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Quinto. **Motion passed.** Trustee González adjourned the meeting at **4:11 p.m.**

(AYES: 5 / NOES: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)

**Confirmation of Official Minutes:**

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*Signature, President & CEO*