Girls Global Academy

October Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Monday October 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM EDT

Location

GGA

Board Meeting Documents

Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**6:00 PM**
	A. Record Attendance		Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	1 m
	B. Call the Meeting to Order		Andria Wisler	1 m
	C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	1 m

Approve minutes for June Board Meeting on June 30, 2026

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II.	**Governance**			**6:03 PM**
A.	Governance Training	Discuss	Andria Wisler	5 m

There is a NEW mandatory board governance training - D.C. Law 26-38 Board of Trustees Amendment Act of 2025.

All DC public charter school trustees (board members) must complete this approved governance training. Board members serving on or before December 31, 2026 (all of us) must complete the required training between October 19, 2026 and April 1, 2027. There are three ways to complete the training:

- A - Online, self-paced: 3 modules
- B - Whole-board in-person training (GGA would hire an eligible trainer)
- C - In-person sector training: upcoming Tuesday, November 17 from 8:30am - 12:00pm (more details forthcoming)

I suggest that each of us pursue A or C.

For A - you should have received an email with the subject "Welcome to DC PCSB" on Friday October 16 with a link that is good for 7 days. That link brings you to a page to reset your password using your GGA email address. Once you reset the password, you will have access to the portal with the 3 modules. It was announced at the DCPCSB meeting that each module is 1 - 1.5 hours total.

What does each school need to do?

- Confirm that every current trustee is aware of the requirement and applicable deadline.
- Determine whether trustees will complete the DC PCSB online training, participate in an in-person sector session, or receive whole-board training from an eligible external trainer.
- Establish a process for promptly notifying new trustees of the 90-day requirement.
- Maintain accurate trustee contact information so that training instructions and reminders reach the appropriate individuals.
- Monitor completion and follow up with trustees before their deadlines.

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Please let me know what questions you have!

B. By-laws — 5 m

Draft Revised Bylaws
Memo Explaining Revisions

III. Finance & Facilities Committee — 6:13 PM

A. Review of the financial reports as of August 30, 2026 — FYI — Lauren Johannesson-McCoy — 5 m

Highlights
End of Year Days of Cash: 135 with loan extension and 46 without (Budget: 130)
End of Year Cash Balance: $2.77M with loan extension (Budget: $2.67M)
DSCR: 2.09 (Budget 2.94)

Revenue

- $7.52M - $114k decrease from budget
  - $196k decrease from Per-Pupil Funding - enrollment (6 fewer students)
  - $81k increase in Federal Grants - ESEA and IDEA allocations

Expense

- $7.88M - Aligned to budget
  - $12k decrease in overall staffing costs
  - $6k increase in student expenses due to curriculum needs
  - $7k increase in business expenses due to building signage

Debt Disclaimer: *We currently have a balloon payment of $1.8M scheduled for June 2027 that is not currently modeled into our EOY projections. We intend to seek a 2-3 year loan extension from OSSE beginning this December. In the meantime, we continue working towards building out our cash reserves and are on track to be able to pay down the loan and maintain 45 days of cash - if needed.*

B. New DCPCSB Financial Oversight Policy — FYI — Andria Wisler — 5 m

Approved by the Board of the DCPCSB on September 28, 2026, following a public comment period opened in June 2026.

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The policy is organized into three sections matching the School Reform Act (SRA) mandatory revocation criteria:

1. **Pattern of Nonadherence to GAAP** (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles)
2. **Pattern of Fiscal Mismanagement**
3. **Economic Non-viability**

IV.	**Mission Moment**			**6:23 PM**
A.	Mission Moment	FYI	Karen Venable-Croft	2 m
V.	**Executive Director Report**			**6:25 PM**
A.	Executive Director Report	Discuss	Karen Venable-Croft	25 m

Google Drive Folder of Documents

VI.	**Community Engagement**			**6:50 PM**
A.	Updates	FYI	Maria Miller	5 m
VII.	**Closing Items**			**6:55 PM**
A.	Announcements	FYI	Andria Wisler	2 m

Future Board Meetings

- December 1, 2026
- January 26, 2027
- March 30, 2027
- April 27, 2027, in person at GGA
- May 25, 2027 - vote on FY28 budget
- June 29, 2027

A reminder of the **DCPCSB communications** that are available for you to opt-into:

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- Subscribe to our weekly Wednesday Bulletin
- Take a look at our September Newsletter
- Check out our blogs in the DC PCSB Newsroom
- Know who to call at DC PCSB for assistance

GGA weekly emails:

- Week of October 19
- Week of October 12
- Week of September 21
- Week of September 14
- Week of September 7
- Week of August 31
- Week of August 24

B.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	

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