



Girls Global Academy

GGA February 2024 Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Monday February 26, 2024 at 6:30 PM EST

Location

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84794540672?pwd=jZOcqH4SwhshQdbUo4ijBkBQRoNgID.1>

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:30 PM
A. Record Attendance			1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order			
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes		5 m
II. Governance			6:36 PM
A. Vote on Brian Holden for the board	Vote	Shobha George	10 m
III. Community Engagement			6:46 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Recruitment Update	FYI	Maureen Colburn	15 m
Maureen will update us on the recruitment effort and other community engagement efforts.			
IV. Finance			7:01 PM
A. Finance Update	FYI	Laura Bartos	15 m
Laura will update us on the school's financial position to date and the status of the lease. Current financials are linked here .			
V. Academics and Risk/Audit (Combined)			7:16 PM
A. Strategic Plan Dashboard Discussion		Karen Venable-Croft	20 m
Board members will share noticings and wonderings about the data in the Strategic Plan FEB Report, linked in the dashboard rough draft here , and we'll look ahead at two components of the strategic plan data monitoring:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data deliverables for March, and the possible impact of this new routine for committee work • Next steps and goals for "Dashboard 2.0" 			
VI. Executive Director's Report			7:36 PM
A. Highlights, Priorities, and Upcoming Events for Board Involvement	Discuss	Karen Venable-Croft	30 m
Karen will share, and the board will discuss:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights • Management team priorities in the coming quarter • Events for board member involvement 			
The executive director's memo for pre-reading is linked here , and the slide deck is linked here .			
VII. Other Business			8:06 PM
A. Look ahead	Discuss	Beth Blaufuss	5 m
Beth will preview :			

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
1.	Adding a March board meeting—March 18, 7:30 p.m.		
2.	Updated board retreat date—April 27		

VIII. Closing Items

8:11 PM

A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote
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Coversheet

Approve Minutes

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: C. Approve Minutes
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material: 2023_12_04_board_meeting_minutes.pdf

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Girls Global Academy

Minutes

GGA November 2023 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday December 4, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location

Beth Blaufuss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: GGA Board Meeting

Time: Dec 4, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Trustees Present

A. Johnson, L. Bartos (remote), L. Johannesson-McCoy, M. Colburn (remote), M. Miller (remote), R. Charles, S. George (remote)

Trustees Absent

A. Wisler, M. Levasseur, M. Pendleton

Guests Present

S. O'Neal (remote), S. Swift (remote), Shami

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. George called a meeting of the board of trustees of Girls Global Academy to order on Monday Dec 4, 2023 at 6:38 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from GGA October 2023 Board Meeting on 10-23-23.

M. Colburn seconded the motion.

210 or the 211 goal for enrollment was hit.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Levasseur	Absent
M. Miller	Aye
L. Bartos	Aye
M. Colburn	Aye
L. Johannesson-McCoy	Aye

Roll Call

A. Johnson	Aye
M. Pendleton	Absent
S. George	Aye
A. Wisler	Absent
R. Charles	Absent

II. Community Engagement

A. Annual Giving

Raise \$20K by end of year is the goal. Thus far, \$4K has been raised in the campaign.
The campaign will continue through December.
Network for Good is the platform used by GGA.

III. Audit

A. The board will discuss and vote on whether to accept the audited financial statements.

Auditors Tianna Wynn, Renata Reis, and Jamarr Bailey presented results for the year ending June 2023 audit. Internal controls are working correctly in the environment. Records to account for leases, revenues, and expenses were reviewed. Risk and Audit Committee were able to get their questions answered last week. As next steps, representation letter and report will upload finalized material by Management at SB & Company.

M. Miller made a motion to Board to accept Audited financial statements.

S. George seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Colburn	Aye
R. Charles	Aye
A. Johnson	Aye
L. Bartos	Aye
A. Wisler	Absent
M. Miller	Aye
L. Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
M. Pendleton	Absent
S. George	Aye
M. Levasseur	Absent

IV. Other Business

A. Executive Director's Highlights

GGA has a Social Media presence . Pleas follow GGA.

Students are creating and experiencing a positive sisterhood in the school via the Nov 21st Open Mike event, which was lead by students, to showcase what they feel are important.

Year 4 of GGA

Vacancy updates and plan to account for vacancies were shared.

Update on repair and claims from leak.

Attendance stamina has been a focus.

College, Career, and Life skills ready - strategic plan highlights

1. Students do self assessment in their College, Career, and Life skills ready skills.
2. Grade 9 Math are monitoring and managing their expenses.
3. Grade 12 completed US Capitol visit and debate

B. Look ahead

April 6th Board Retreat - 9AM to 4pm; due to Spring break dates, the date for the retreat could be changed.

Committees are able to meet over December, if desired. Governance Committee will be meeting in December.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Colburn made a motion to Adjourn meeting.

R. Charles seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. George

Coversheet

Vote on Brian Holden for the board

Section: II. Governance
Item: A. Vote on Brian Holden for the board
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material: Brian Holden.Nomination Application.pdf
Brian_Holden_Resume.pdf

Trustee Candidate Nomination Application

This form is used to capture contact information, basic profile, and intent for joining the Board of Trustees of Girls Global Academy from prospective members.

DC Public Charter High School



Today's Date *

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02 / 22 / 2024

Last Name *

Holden

First Name *

Brian

Preferred Pronouns

He/Him

Street Address (Residence) *

180 High Park Ln, Apt 121

City *

Silver Spring

State/US Territory *

Maryland

Zip Code *

20910

Phone *

2252701143

E-mail *

brian.holden@duke.edu

Nominating Board Member

In 500 words or less please tell us a little bit about yourself. Respond in any way you choose, including some professional history, general biography, or even just personal reflections. *

I was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where I went to Louisiana State University to get my bachelor's and master's in Electrical Engineering. I've been here in the DC area for almost five years now where I work as an electrical engineer for Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab in the space sector. I am currently working on my MBA in the weekend executive program at Duke where I plan to graduate in May 2025. I hope to one day get my PhD in math or African American history in hopes of becoming a professor someday.

My time in Baton Rouge was filled with many volunteer opportunities that allowed me give back to many communities throughout the city. My first opportunity was with a local nonprofit called The Gardere Initiative. This nonprofit was led by a community leader in hopes of providing resources to children from low-income families. I joined The Gardere Initiative as a tutor mainly for math. It was here where I got my first experience with tutoring and where I got to see firsthand how important of a job this was for myself and the children in the community.

In addition to doing work with The Gardere Initiative, I also did work with another nonprofit called The Futures Fund that taught kids coding and photography skills. This nonprofit worked to provide middle and high school students with opportunities to develop the skills with real life projects in hopes to create opportunities of employment upon graduation. Students would meet every Saturday for eight weeks and be instructed on various topics in coding and photography. This group did a lot of work to get students started early in emerging fields to help provide better outcomes for the futures of the students and their families.

My parents emphasized to me at an early age how important education was to myself, my future, and my community at large. Education has been a central part of my life since first starting school when I was a child. I can attest to the positive influence it has had on me and how I view the world around me. Knowing that schools face daunting challenges in today's world, I hope to be part of the solution to give back to schools that help educate our future leaders. I've been blessed to be in the position that I'm in today and I hope to be able to be a blessing someone else.

In 500 words or less please tell us why you would like to join the governing board of Girls Global Academy. Please also tell us what you think you will contribute and/or any particular things you would like to do as a trustee of the school. *

In the past almost five years since moving to the DC area, I've wanted to do more to help in the local community. Education has been one of the main ways that I've volunteered in Louisiana and it has always been a passion of mine. That's why this opportunity to join the governing board of Girls Global Academy is one that I believe I would excel at. The work being done at GGA is not only courageous but it also very bold and I hope to be lucky enough to be a part of it.

What I will be able to contribute is a fresh perspective on how to best service the students and the community. While the students are the main focus of the school, making a connection with their parents is just as important to the success of these young women. I think there's an opportunity for the school to invest in the parents just as much as they do in the students. The school, in my opinion, is underutilized in just serving the students. I hope to be able to start initiatives to get parents involved with meeting other parents to see how they all can be a resource for each other.

I also look forward to joining the Risk and Audit committee to help ensure GGA continues functioning in a fiscally secure position. I realize I don't have to be an expert in accounting or finance to take on this role, but I do hope to be able to better understand the finances of GGA and see where some chances can be taken to improve the school. I am currently getting my MBA from Duke and I hope to gain real world experience from the classes I've been taking recently.

While I'm still relatively new to the DC area, I think this will provide me with the opportunity to learn more about DC's education system in depth. There's much I've heard pertaining to education in DC but seeing it firsthand will help me get a better understanding of what the challenges are. I also hope to get the chance to work with like-minded individuals to help improve the futures for many young women in the area. All of these opportunities will be great experience for me and hopefully I will be able to provide significant value to the GGA and its students.

This form was created inside of Girls Global Academy.

Google Forms

Brian Holden

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Experience

Electrical Test Engineer, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, Laurel, MD July-2019 – Present

- Designed printed circuit boards used to test various electrical parts including diodes, FETs, op-amps, and ASICs using Altium.
- Performed electrical testing on various electrical parts under different temperature settings to ensure proper functioning which met certain voltage and current requirements.
- Processed and prepared electrical data on tested parts using MATLAB to ensure the quality of the parts.
- Attended classes in Analog Electronic Circuit Design, FPGA Design, Data Structures, and MATLAB.

Transmission Engineer, NRG Energy, New Roads, LA March 2018 – June 2019

- Operated as Subject Matter Expert for NERC compliance associated with facility ratings and the Under Frequency Loading program.
- Prepared engineering cost estimates for substation facilities and time-dependent detailed plans for substation projects.
- Participated in SERC Engineering Committee meetings and in SERC compliance issues and prepared required engineering planning forms for SERC.

Mentor, The Gardere Initiative, Baton Rouge, LA August 2013 – June 2019

- Tutored over 100 students from low-income families in mathematics and other subjects and advised them in their future regarding their education.
- Introduced new and innovative ways to inspire learning in students and helped add students to the program.
- Established a strong working relationship with local schools in the area to help create a better experience for the students.

Electrical Engineer, Dow Chemical, Plaquemine, LA February 2015 – October 2016

- Applied technical expertise on troubleshooting failures, repairs, and evaluating whether equipment is designed to meet its intended service conditions.
- Oversaw root cause investigations when predetermined triggers were met which resulted in the improvement of safe work practices for future workers.
- Performed load calculations to determine correct wiring and transformer sizes for various pieces of equipment throughout the plant.

Graduate Researcher, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA January 2013 – December 2014

- Succeeded in conducting research to improve low frequency geophones by designing an op-amp feedback circuit and published a thesis on the completed research.
- Administered testing on the analog circuit in a lab setting using oscilloscopes and power supplies to improve overall function and design of the circuit.
- Excelled in computing classes on Python and C++ to complete assignments that involved interfacing a Raspberry Pi with an Arduino microcontroller.

Electrical Engineer, AST Engineers, Baton Rouge, LA April 2010 – December 2012

- Surveyed commercial and residential buildings on electrical issues such as lighting, fire alarms, and power to consult with owners on how to proceed with electrical renovations or new builds.
- Performed field work to aid in the creation of drawings for lighting, fire alarm, and power systems.
- Computed load calculations to determine safe thresholds for all equipment and wiring used throughout the designed renovations.

Education

- **Master of Business Administration (Duke University) May 2023 - Present**
- **Master and Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering (LSU) December 2014 & 2009**