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## Girls Global Academy

### Minutes

#### Annual Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday June 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

Beth Blaufuss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: GGA Board Annual Meeting

Time: Jun 27, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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#### **Trustees Present**

Andria Wisler (remote), Beth Blaufuss (remote), LaKisha Myrick, Lauren Johannesson-McCoy (remote), Mary Pendleton (remote), Maureen Colburn (remote), Max Levasseur, Shobha George

#### **Trustees Absent**

Calvena Jordan, Elaine Harris, Laura Bartos

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Karen Venable-Croft (remote)

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

Karen Venable-Croft (remote)

#### **Guests Present**

Maria Miller (remote)

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance/Recognize Quorum/Connect**

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Beth Blaufuss called a meeting of the board of trustees of Girls Global Academy to order on Tuesday Jun 27, 2023 at 6:36 PM.

Maria Miller voted "Aye" in each of the votes. In each case where she 2nd a motion, a different Board Member submitted it in her stead. Starting with the next Board meeting,

the BoT system will update to include her in the roster per vote and enable her name for selection for motions.

## II. Internal Business

### A. Approval of minutes from last board meeting

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2023 Board Meeting on 05-23-23.

Andria Wisler seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Beth Blaufuss	Aye
Andria Wisler	Aye
Shobha George	Aye
Mary Pendleton	Aye
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Maureen Colburn	Aye
Laura Bartos	Absent
Max Levasseur	Absent
Calvena Jordan	Absent
Elaine Harris	Absent
LaKisha Myrick	Absent

### B. Vote on re-election of board members Maureen Colburn and Mary Pendleton

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to re-elect Board Member Maureen Colburn & Mary Pendleton.

Shobha George seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Mary Pendleton	Aye
Max Levasseur	Absent
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Elaine Harris	Absent
Laura Bartos	Absent
Calvena Jordan	Absent
Andria Wisler	Aye
Beth Blaufuss	Aye
Maureen Colburn	Aye
LaKisha Myrick	Absent
Shobha George	Aye

### C. Review of Board Compliance

Maria Miller, Andria Wisler and Lauren Johannesson-McCoy submitted compliance forms.

Maureen Colburn and Mary Pendleton shall do so.

**D. Election of officers for 2023-24**

Andria Wisler made a motion to Re-elect Beth Blaufuss as Chair, Shobha George as Board Secretary and Laura Bartos as Treasurer.

Lauren Johannesson-McCoy seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Mary Pendleton	Aye
Maureen Colburn	Aye
Max Levasseur	Absent
Laura Bartos	Absent
Andria Wisler	Aye
Shobha George	Aye
Elaine Harris	Absent
Beth Blaufuss	Aye
LaKisha Myrick	Absent
Calvena Jordan	Absent

**E. Community Engagement Committee Report**

Committee Chair Officers:

Community Engagement - Maureen Colburn

Academics - Mary Pendleton

Governance - Shobha George

Finance Committee - Laura Bartos

with exception of Vice Chair, which will happen in September

**F. Finance and Facilities Report and Contract Votes**

BoT renewal will take place.

Budget discussions and targets took place based on SY 2023-24 recruiting, applications, fundraising pipeline, community engagement, and reenrollment updates. Community Engagement discussions will occur again on July 6.

Variance updates from Income Statement, Cash and Financial Forecasts were discussed.

Facility renovation expenses will be presented in a report at the next Board meeting.  
Financial Policy annual review and audit will take place by the Financial Team in August.  
Updates and changes will be completed by SY 2023-24.

Shobha George made a motion to approve submission of SY 2023-24 contracts for Calvary Baptist Church, Genuine Foods, DC HealthLink, End-to-End for Special Education LLC, BradCorp Services, BradCorp Services, Inc extension, EdOps-Finance, LiftED Consulting, EdOps-Data, Aapiya Consulting Group, LLC, Swing Education, Inc. Dynamic Network Solutions, Inc. SB & Company LLC and Renaissance, which were reviewed by Finance Committee, to DC Charter School Board.

Andria Wisler seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Beth Blaufuss	Aye
Shobha George	Aye
Max Levasseur	Aye
Maureen Colburn	Aye
Calvena Jordan	Absent
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Mary Pendleton	Aye
Andria Wisler	Aye
Elaine Harris	Absent
LaKisha Myrick	Aye
Laura Bartos	Absent

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to approve FundEd Strategies contract with amendment to correct name.

Andria Wisler seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Calvena Jordan	Absent
Beth Blaufuss	Aye
Mary Pendleton	Aye
Elaine Harris	Absent
Laura Bartos	Absent
Andria Wisler	Aye
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Shobha George	Aye
Maureen Colburn	Aye
Max Levasseur	Aye
LaKisha Myrick	Aye

**G. Strategic Planning Update**

Executive Director Evaluation to be completed by Board by July 15.

Beth will reach out to officers to complete evaluation process.

Board recruitment is an ongoing activity for 4 more people. Please suggest Members for Beth to meet over coffee. Audit, fundraising, corporate connections, all girls education, leadership experience, younger professionals are desired.

The Strategic Plan items discussed were Achieve Tier 1 status and Establish a vibrant GGA culture.

Academic committee update included college & career readiness (IB and other CTE measures), Graduation Rates, and PARCC Growth. Targets per each category will be drafted with matching strategies by August's Board Meeting.

Student Life targets were discussed on attendance and sisterhood. Conversations with management will continue to understand how culture is evolving on engagement and sense of belonging. Faculty attendance and retention will continue to be tracked. Targets are to be finalized by September.

Steps for Executive Director to set goals will be underway. Over the summer, performance metrics will be set for SY 2023-24.

#### H. Executive Director's Highlights

Resident partner of a Zero through 5 school will continue to share GGA. For approval, Finance Committee will review on July 19 a revised agreement with Calgary on how this partnership will reduce GGA's rent in Q4 2023. This will be an addendum to the lease.

Highlights have been monumental to the type of GGA wanted for students. These events were IB supportive. Service Learning has supported pillar of service and will continue growing.

Teacher shortage and student academic stamina has been struggling. These will affect strategic plan for the upcoming school year.

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to empower Finance & Facility Committee to vote on side letter to the lease to Calgary for Q4 2023.

Shobha George seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

LaKisha Myrick	Aye
Max Levasseur	Aye
Beth Blaufuss	Aye
Calvena Jordan	Absent
Andria Wisler	Aye
Maureen Colburn	Absent
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Laura Bartos	Absent
Shobha George	Aye

**Roll Call**

Elaine Harris	Absent
Mary Pendleton	Aye

**III. Other Updates**

**A. Board Business**

Future Board meetings may shift to 4th Monday of the month, except for May to account for Memorial Day. Possibly, the 4th Thursday may be an option.

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shobha George