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## Girls Global Academy

### Minutes

#### GGA August 2023 Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Monday August 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM

##### **Location**

Beth Blaufuss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: My Meeting

Time: Aug 28, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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#### **Trustees Present**

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

#### **Trustees Absent**

Maria Miller

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

Karen Venable-Croft (remote)

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

Karen Venable-Croft (remote)

#### **Guests Present**

Rachel Payton (remote)

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### **I. Opening Items**

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

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

Max Levasseur called a meeting of the board of trustees of Girls Global Academy to order on Monday Aug 28, 2023 at 6:38 PM.

## II. Internal Business

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

Lauren Johannesson-McCoy made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual Board Meeting on 06-27-23.

Maureen Colburn seconded the motion.

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

### B. Review of Board Compliance

Max will complete his submission of the Conflict of Interest form. Shobha will follow up, accordingly.

All other Board members has submitted their respective form(s).

### C. Executive Director's Start of School Highlights

Karen presented her experience of the first day of school, presented the importance of investing in people, connection between student and teacher retention, SY 2023 celebrations, SY Experiential Learning, and status on Student enrollment numbers.

Karen responded to the interest in PARCC results with background information.

### D. Finance Updates

Laura provided update on the following:

1. Facilities component to the budget and pending September discussions.
2. Enrollment component to the budget.

### E. Strategic Planning Committees Work Time

Beth presented steps and options to move strategic planning forward.

Karen and her team have provided input on a draft strategic plan containing goals.

Beth requested Board-input on how to plan, prioritize & measure progress on those goals using the following questions to guide discussion:

1. Do the goals seem like the right ones for our mission and for the next three years?
2. Are the strategies suggested the highest-leverage, most focused ways to achieve the growth indicated for that goal? If they need revising, propose either new strategies or revisions of the drafted ones for Karen and her team to consider.
3. What feedback could help strengthen the tactics Karen's team implements to drive improvement?
4. What are the most urgent steps for the team to take this year to achieve the targeted improvement? What can wait until years 2 and 3?

Breakout sessions were held to advance ideas on options to assist with goal-attainment.

### III. Executive Session

#### A. Executive Director Evaluation Work Session

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to Under to section 2-575, subsection b, paragraph 10, I move to close the meeting and go into executive session after breakouts to discuss business connected to the routine evaluation of the school's ED.

Laura Bartos seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Laura Bartos	Aye
Andria Wisler	Aye
Maureen Colburn	Absent
LaKisha Myrick	Absent
Mary Pendleton	Aye
Max Levasseur	Absent
Beth Blaufuss	Aye
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Maria Miller	Absent
Shobha George	Aye

### IV. Other Updates

#### A. Board Business

Beth provided an update on the identification of new Board members.

Committee meetings would be best held before the September Board meeting.

### V. Closing Items

#### A. Adjourn Meeting

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Lauren Johannesson-McCoy seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously 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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shobha George