



Girls Global Academy

Minutes

GGA February 2024 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday February 26, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Trustees Present

Andria Wisler (remote), Anita Johnson (remote), Beth Blaufuss (remote), Brian Holden (remote), Laura Bartos (remote), Lauren Johannesson-McCoy (remote), Maria Miller (remote), Mary Pendleton (remote), Maureen Colburn (remote), Rachel Charles (remote), Shobha George (remote)

Trustees Absent

Max Levasseur

Ex Officio Members Present

Karen Venable-Croft (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

Karen Venable-Croft (remote)

Guests Present

Brian Holden (remote), Shayne Swift (remote), Yolanda Whitted (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Beth Blaufuss called a meeting of the board of trustees of Girls Global Academy to order on Monday Feb 26, 2024 at 6:39 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Maria Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from GGA November 2023 Board Meeting on 12-04-23.

Maureen Colburn seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. Vote on Brian Holden for the board

Shobha George made a motion to Vote Brian Holden onto the Board.

Andria Wisler seconded the motion.

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

III. Community Engagement

A. Recruitment Update

Maureen Colburn provided this update.

She said we are on track with student applications when compared to last year. The interest is to increase enrollment for the entire student body.

Sisterhood Summit will be held on March 27. Speaker recruitment has begun. Board members and potential members would be welcome to attend.

IV. Finance

A. Finance Update

Laura Bartos provided this update.

Strong cash position will move into the new school year.

Grant, lease, rent adjustment updates were shared.

Budget will be due in the summer.

Board will need to approve new lease terms prior to the lease being signed.

V. Academics and Risk/Audit (Combined)

A. Strategic Plan Dashboard Discussion

Rachel Charles created a starting place for GGA's strategic plan to be addressed monthly. The team updated the Dashboard for the month of February. Ex. Audit committee is to note the Culture objectives and initiate work against them.

VI. Executive Director's Report

A. Highlights, Priorities, and Upcoming Events for Board Involvement

Student recognition - 16 12th graders are in an immersive student trip in Panama.

Staff recognition - Starr Rhee, finalist for Coach of the Year by Debate Team, Washington Urban Debate League.

Student Recruitment update was shared with application-specifics per grade and Ward or Out of State.

Community Engagement update covered the following:

Summit, March 27

Enrollment Saturday on April 27

Parent/daughter brunches over May and June

Paint and chat

DC Charter Schools are up for review every 5 years. This process will start for GGA in April with hearing in April 2025 on categories like Academic Achievement and Fiscal Management.

Financial Review covered conservative stances.

In June, Board will need to approve Fiscal 2025 year.

Staffing retention and attrition background information, efforts, and trend analysis was presented. Data analysis and roundtable discussions were completed as well.

Completed Notice and Wonder exercise over ED Feb 2024 report and objective-prioritization exercise.

VII. Other Business

A. Look ahead

Board Retreat on April 17 at 9am (4 hours) - Strategic Plan review, Board's relationship with GGA's efforts, adopt Board norms for coming school year

Board Recruitment will kick in more strongly through April.

Board meeting on March 18 at 7:30PM.

Graduation is June 7 at 10am to 2pm at UDC.

VIII. 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 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shobha George