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# Girls Global Academy

# Minutes

## GGA Full Board Meeting

Full Board Meeting #3 ZOOM

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**Date and Time**
Monday November 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM

**Location**
Rachel Charles is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: GGA Board meeting
Time: Nov 18, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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**Trustees Present**
Andria Wisler (remote), Anita Johnson (remote), Brian Holden (remote), Jessica Giles (remote), Karen Dresden (remote), Laura Bartos (remote), Lauren Johannesson-McCoy (remote), Maria Miller (remote), Nia Spencer (remote), Rachel Charles (remote), Ricardo Chapa (remote), Wilnie Petrash (remote)

**Trustees Absent**
Beth Blaufuss, Max Levasseur

**Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**
Wilnie Petrash

**Guests Present**
Eleanor Corcoan (remote), Julie Shepperson (remote), LaNiya Togan (remote), Shamira O'Neal (remote), Tiana Wynn (remote), Tianxiang Qu (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Andria Wisler called a meeting of the board of trustees of Girls Global Academy to order on Monday Nov 18, 2024 at 6:37 PM.

### B. Record Attendance

### C. Approve 10/28/24 Minutes

Maria Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from GGA Full Board Meeting on 10-28-24.

Nia Spencer seconded the motion.
approve with proposed edits added
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

| | |
|---|---|
| Andria Wisler | Aye |
| Laura Bartos | Aye |
| Ricardo Chapa | Aye |
| Maria Miller | Aye |
| Max Levasseur | Absent |
| Lauren Johannesson-McCoy | Aye |
| Brian Holden | Aye |
| Wilnie Petrash | Absent |
| Beth Blaufuss | Absent |
| Rachel Charles | Aye |
| Nia Spencer | Aye |
| Jessica Giles | Aye |
| Karen Dresden | Aye |
| Anita Johnson | Aye |

## II. Academic Excellence

### A. Mission Moment

Highlighting academic achievements, honor roll. Celebrating IB learner profile - risk taker.

- Eleanor Corcoran for leadership risk taker. Eleanor shared IB is incorporated throughout all grades. showcases- presenting Learner portfolio, reflections and inquiries. IB exposure in 9th and 10th grades for recruitment for upper levels. Peer education from older grades.
- LaNiya Togan, student, sophomore, taking IB classes being pushed academically. Captain of cheer team, student ambassador.

GGA will continue to share spotlights at board meetings.

## III. Governance

### A. New Board Member

Ricardo Chapa made a motion to vote Wilnie Petrash onto the board.
Maria Miller seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| Maria Miller | Aye |
| Lauren Johannesson-McCoy | Aye |

| **Roll Call** | |
|---|---|
| Rachel Charles | Aye |
| Max Levasseur | Absent |
| Anita Johnson | Aye |
| Andria Wisler | Aye |
| Nia Spencer | Aye |
| Brian Holden | Aye |
| Karen Dresden | Aye |
| Ricardo Chapa | Aye |
| Jessica Giles | Aye |
| Beth Blaufuss | Absent |
| Laura Bartos | Aye |
| Wilnie Petrash | Absent |

### B. New Parent Board Member

Rachel Charles made a motion to vote Ivory Perkins as a parent member of the board.
Jessica Giles seconded the motion.
Karen D asked about process for parent board member recruitment.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

| **Roll Call** | |
|---|---|
| Maria Miller | Aye |
| Jessica Giles | Aye |
| Anita Johnson | Aye |
| Beth Blaufuss | Absent |
| Karen Dresden | Aye |
| Andria Wisler | Aye |
| Wilnie Petrash | Absent |
| Rachel Charles | Aye |
| Lauren Johannesson-McCoy | Aye |
| Ricardo Chapa | Aye |
| Max Levasseur | Absent |
| Nia Spencer | Aye |
| Brian Holden | Aye |
| Laura Bartos | Aye |

Wilnie Petrash arrived.

## IV. Finance and Facilities

### A. FY24 Audit presentation

Audit presented by Tianna Wynn from SB & Company of the 6/30/24 Financial Statement. Overall, GGA is designed and operating effectively. No material weaknesses were found. GAAP principles are being followed. The financial statement demonstrated increased cash balance due to enrollment, which is providing increased revenue. No issues getting through audit.

Maria Miller made a motion to accept the audit as presented.
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

| **Roll Call** | |
|---|---|
| Jessica Giles | Aye |
| Brian Holden | Aye |
| Lauren Johannesson-McCoy | Aye |
| Rachel Charles | Aye |
| Nia Spencer | Aye |
| Andria Wisler | Aye |
| Beth Blaufuss | Absent |
| Wilnie Petrash | Aye |
| Maria Miller | Aye |
| Karen Dresden | Aye |
| Laura Bartos | Aye |
| Ricardo Chapa | Aye |
| Anita Johnson | Aye |
| Max Levasseur | Absent |

## V. Community Engagement

### A. Community Engagement Committee

Community Engagement integrated with fundraising, retention, recruitment, and outreach.
Recruitment activities: middle school outreach sessions, intentional student-to-student academic presentations, Dec 3 breakfast for middle school counselors, Dec 7 EdFest high school fair (bring testimonials via screen), monthly virtual open houses, in-person open house, Feb 5 academic showcase, promotional materials outside of schools, farmers markets, boys and girls club. Adding teacher and parent ambassadors.
Touchpoints - need to have at least 11 touchpoints per family for new recruits. Ricardo asked about followup with non-returning students/families via survey. Karen replied exit surveys are given to each person who leaves. Maria said committee exploring surveying current students. Feb 5 Pepco to host a global gathering. Sisterhood Summit March 26. Graduation date change to June 4th. Shamira recommends surveying teachers/students via in-person connection vs survey. Parent survey from past may be re-engaged.

## VI. Executive Director's Report

### A. Karen's report

Scholarship pillar - in light of 5-year review. Charter continuance in progress. Academic achievement, compliance and fiscal management, in process already. Pre-5 yr review meeting on 11/20.
Retention and recruiting focus - global gathering (showcase learning), because you matter (students going to out to other students, solutions and move forward),

communication and marketing (revamped social media IG, FB, LI, X), board member grow network.
Fully staffed reported earlier - 1 vacancy now. short-term solution with long-term substitute. Assessing quality applicants to fill the role.
Finance update - budget moving forward as presented, slightly improved financial position.

## VII. Consent Agenda

### A. Academic Excellence Committee

ASPIRE information coming. will need board approval for measures. Retention - working to understand causes. Possible more robust orientation in the summer.

### B. Community Engagement Committee

Lower enrollment brings opportunities with a smaller body, such as entrenching cultural supports for a stronger future.

### C. Finance & Facilities Committee

No updates, will proceed with approved budget

### D. Risk & Audit Committee

Previewed audit. Committee will focus on safety in Dec.

### E. Governance Committee

Full board for the first time with the additions of Wilne, Nia, and Ivory.

## VIII. Other Business

### A. Next meeting

Feb 24 next meeting. Committees are encouraged to continue to make progress in Dec and Jan.

## IX. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

Maria Miller made a motion to move to close meeting.
Brian Holden seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| Maria Miller | Aye |

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| Karen Dresden | Aye |
| Jessica Giles | Aye |
| Wilnie Petrash | Aye |
| Laura Bartos | Aye |
| Beth Blaufuss | Absent |
| Lauren Johannesson-McCoy | Aye |
| Anita Johnson | Aye |
| Brian Holden | Aye |
| Rachel Charles | Aye |
| Ricardo Chapa | Aye |
| Andria Wisler | Aye |
| Max Levasseur | Absent |
| Nia Spencer | Aye |

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Charles

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- GGA Board Nomination Form-Wilne Petrash.pdf
- Wilnie Petrash Resume November 2024.pdf
- Ivory Perkins.docx
- GGA BR v1115.pdf
- Girls Global Academy PCS - Financial Statements_YE06-30-2024 draft v1115 (1).pdf
- Community Engagement Committee.pptx
- GGA Academic Committee 111224.pdf