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## Girls Global Academy

### Minutes

#### GGA Full Board Meeting

Full Board Meeting #2

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday October 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

Scheduled in Person at GGA

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#### **Trustees Present**

Andria Wisler, Anita Johnson, Beth Blaufuss, Brian Holden, Jessica Giles, Karen Dresden, Lauren Johannesson-McCoy, Maria Miller, Rachel Charles, Ricardo Chapa

#### **Trustees Absent**

Laura Bartos, Max Levasseur

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

Karen Venable-Croft

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

Karen Venable-Croft

#### **Guests Present**

Shamira O'Neal

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#### **I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Andria Wisler called a meeting of the board of trustees of Girls Global Academy to order on Monday Oct 28, 2024 at 6:12 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to approve the minutes from March Board Meeting on 03-18-24.

Maria Miller seconded the motion.

Beth offered an edit to the 3/18/24 minutes from "nominates" to "nominate." Edit will be made.

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

**Roll Call**

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

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to approve the minutes from GGA April 2024 Retreat & Board Meeting on 04-27-24.

Maria Miller seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to approve the minutes from GGA June Board Meeting on 06-17-24.

Maria Miller seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to approve the minutes from GGA Full Board Meeting on 09-23-24.

Maria Miller seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**II. Governance**

**A. Second term**

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to Max Levasseur for reelection to the board.

Ricardo Chapa seconded the motion.

Founding members staggered term endings so that all were not up for reelection/completion at once.

Max's biggest contribution to the finance committee, highlighting lease issues.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. New Member**

Maria Miller made a motion to nominate Nia Spencer to the board.  
Andria Wisler seconded the motion.  
Nia maximizes team performances and will be a great addition to the board.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

**III. Academic Excellence**

**A. Presentation and Updates**

Presentation of strategic goals for the academic program, including guidance provided to teachers and academic data points. Discussion questions related to staff retention and academic clarifications.

**IV. Finance and Facilities**

**A. Committee presentation**

Goal to break-even with student enrollment unaided by philanthropic support. Currently have a shortfall in enrollment resulting in a loss. Cuts in expenses have been identified without sacrificing academic program or strategic priorities. Discussion included student retention and recruitment. Monitoring days of cash-on-hand remains high priority.

Ricardo Chapa made a motion to approve the budget as revised.

Maria Miller seconded the motion.

- Concerns were raised about student recruitment and retention and this item will be revisited in more depth in next board meeting.
- Potentially have 3 scenarios for future budgets. Requesting data about the 47 not filled.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**V. Executive Director's Report**

**A. Presentation**

Due to time, Karen will send out her presentation to board members.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

**A. Academic Excellence Committee**

DCPSCB next meeting 11/1. Academic committee needing to work and prepare for ASPIRE network.

Update Amended 11/18 - The Academic Committee will support the selection of school specific measures for the Aspire Framework. School leaders will be meeting with DCPCSB representatives on 11/1 to learn more about the process.

**B. Community Engagement Committee**

Grants are being explored.

**C.**

### **Finance & Facilities Committee**

Auditors are coming to 11/18 meeting.

### **D. Risk & Audit Committee**

### **E. Governance Committee**

Motion to move into executive session.

For compensation discussion and vote.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

## **VII. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Charles

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### **Documents used during the meeting**

*None*