

APPROVED



Girls Global Academy

Minutes

GGA Full Board Meeting

Full Board Meeting #2

Date and Time

Monday October 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location

Scheduled in Person at GGA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Documents used during the meeting

None