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Girls Global Academy

Minutes

GGA Zoom Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday June 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Location
Rachel Charles is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: GGA Full Board Meeting
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Trustees Present
Andria Wisler (remote), Anita Johnson (remote), Beth Blaufuss (remote), Brian Holden (remote), Jessica Giles (remote), Karen Dresden (remote), Laura Bartos (remote), Lauren Johannesson-McCoy (remote), Maria Miller (remote), Rachel Charles (remote), Wilnie Petrash (remote)

Trustees Absent
Ivory Perkins, Max Levasseur, Nia Spencer, Ricardo Chapa

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 Wednesday Jun 25, 2025 at 6:34 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Mission Moment

Karen VC shared joy and relief that GGA can continue for 5 more years. Remarks were read celebrating the accomplishment. FCAP removed.

II. Community Engagement

A. Update on Enrollment and the Alumnae Network

The enrollment numbers showed strong progress, reaching 90% capacity with 165 students enrolled, up from 79% previously reported. The alumni network was also thriving, with 9 alumni attending the graduation and 80% expressing interest in future engagement, thanks to Anita for her work on this.

III. Finance and Facilities

A. Budget

Laura Bartos made a motion to approve the budget.
Beth Blaufuss seconded the motion.
Laura and Karen presented a budget based on an anticipated 170-student enrollment, with adjustments to reflect a more realistic financial position with the FCAP removed. They discussed recognizing $60,000 in private grants and donations, as well as a 3% salary increase aligned with the pay scale. The team also addressed plans for potential staff additions based on enrollment, targeting 185 students, and the strategy for managing the OSSE loan repayment due in 2027, with a goal of maintaining 60 days of cash reserves.

Budget discussions included student events, mentorship programs, and summer programming. The group discussed plans for a mandatory summer 2026 transition program for incoming 9th graders, which will include cultural activities and team building, while credit recovery options are available this summer for students needing academic support.

The meeting also covered FundEd contract discussions, with Karen noting it was around $90,000 similar to last year. Karen Venable-Croft explained that the general expenses are higher than other schools due to being small, often finding it more cost-effective to contract services rather than hire full-time staff. She discussed the school's approach to managing substitute teachers and school uniforms, including a pilot program where a small fee was charged for loaner uniforms. Karen also clarified that no new positions were created; instead, staff were reassigned.

Maria highlighted that the school is currently at 77% board giving with a goal of reaching 100%.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Max Levasseur	Absent
Maria Miller	Aye
Laura Bartos	Aye
Karen Dresden	Aye
Anita Johnson	Aye
Ivory Perkins	Absent
Andria Wisler	Aye
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Rachel Charles	Aye
Ricardo Chapa	Absent
Nia Spencer	Absent
Brian Holden	Aye

Roll Call	
Jessica Giles	Aye
Wilnie Petrash	Aye
Beth Blaufuss	Aye

IV. Governance

A. Selecting officers for the board for next year

Beth Blaufuss made a motion to nominate Andria Wisler for chair of the board, Maria Miller for vice chair (nominated by Andria, seconded by Beth) Ricardo Chapa for treasurer (nominated by Laura, seconded by Wilnie/Jessica) Lauren Johannesson-McCoy for secretary (nominated by Andria, seconded by Maria).
Maria Miller seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

B. Recognizing Board Members

Beth Blaufuss, Max Levasseur, Laura Bartos, and Rachel Charles are finishing their terms on the board effective this meeting. Andria presented trophies for each that will be distributed to each.

V. Executive Director Report

A. ED Report

Karen Venable-Croft reported a successful graduation earlier this month. The high-interest bank account was opened earlier in April. that 168 students are currently enrolled, which is 90% of the budgeted amount, and highlighted loan extension planning for OSSE, get a charter amendment signature, and provide updated Aspire results to the

DC Public Charter School Board. The team is working on securing rent abatement from the landlord and exploring ways to reduce facility costs, including renting out space. Maria was praised for her leadership in community engagement and recruitment efforts.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Academic Excellence Committee

Created outline for ASPIRE plan to fill in strategies. Committee yet to meet.

B. Community Engagement Committee

C. Finance & Facilities Committee

D. Governance Committee

E. Risk & Audit

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 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Charles

B. Executive Session

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