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Girls Global Academy

Minutes

October Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday November 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
In person

Trustees Present
Andria Wisler, Anita Johnson, Brian Holden, Lauren Johannesson-McCoy, Maria Miller, Ricardo Chapa

Trustees Absent
Karen Dresden, Nia Spencer

Ex Officio Members Present
Karen Venable-Croft

Guests Present
Shamira O'Neal, Tasliym Lester

I. Opening Items

A. **Enjoy nourishment!**

B. **Record Attendance**

C.

Call the Meeting to Order

Andria Wisler called a meeting of the board of trustees of Girls Global Academy to order on Tuesday Nov 4, 2025 at 6:18 PM.

D. Approve Minutes

Ricardo Chapa made a motion to approve the minutes from GGA Board Meeting Zoom on 09-30-25.
Maria Miller seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Andria Wisler	Aye
Karen Dresden	Absent
Anita Johnson	Aye
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Nia Spencer	Absent
Brian Holden	Aye
Maria Miller	Aye
Ricardo Chapa	Aye

II. Mission Moment

A. GGA Pinning Ceremony

Welcome new students (all grades) and pin students who have been here for 4 years, and staff receive a jacket. The 12th graders give out the pins. The ceremony on Wednesday, October 29th was a success!

III. Acting Executive Director Report

A. Acting Executive Director Report

See supplemental document and presentation for details.

Re ASPIRE, working with EmpowerK12 to create dashboard for the Board (should be complete later in November).
Projected to earn 34.7 for 24-25 school year
Yellow highlights are new scores (they weren't assessed for GGA previously)
Attendance

1. Lost learning lab
2. Chronically absent (more than 10% of school days absent)

Budget updates

1. 199 enrolled $1.1M increase in per-pupil funding

Over age by year, each school year level

Response to SNAP funding

1. Working with Red Rabbit to support students and families on SNAP
2. Staff members are holding food drive
    1. How can Board help support?
    2. Share list of what's needed?
    3. Support from the Calvary community

PEX – 5 cards out to staff; 4 at $2,500/each and 1 $150

MAP Fall 2025 Performance

1. Majority of students are underperforming in ELA and Math, more significantly in Math
2. Below grade level in Math
3. Interventions to improve this performance
4. Next testing in February
5. Achievement – comparison to other students at their grade level
6. Growth – from last year to fall 2025, 40, 32, and 31 are the # of students that improved/grew

Staffing Updates

1. See graph in handout
2. Interviews are taking place

Question re cell phone usage in the building

1. It should not be seen

AI policy

1. Students have access to it in the classroom
2. What does using AI responsibly look like? What is helping? And what is cheating?
3. Policy and student handbook

B. Organizational Chart / Staff + Faculty List with positions at GGA

IV. Community Engagement

A. Updates

Official enrollment at 199. GGA team working to get full 202 recognized.

Our goal is Board giving at 100%. The amount doesn't matter as much as the full participation of the Board.

Please make time to attend at least 2 Global Gathering events at GGA during this year.

V. Finance & Facilities Committee

A. Review of the financial reports as of September 30, 2025

See additional document for details.

Shows current month, then budget for the year, then forecast

1. Budget done for 170 enrollment
2. Forecast for 199 enrollment
    1. Revenue grow over $1M
    2. Expenses grow $1M

B. Proposal to invest surplus cash at CityFirst Bank

Maria Miller made a motion to Invest $250,000 in Money Market account at CityFirst.
Brian Holden seconded the motion.
Proposal to invest surplus cash at CityFirst

1. Switch from Eagle to CityFirst
2. 2 bank accounts
    1. Operating ($0 balance) 3.2% interest rate, but variable
    2. Sweep
    3. Proposal to open 3rd account
        1. $250,000 in money market account
            1. Proposal to invest $150,000 in one account and $100,000 in another account so they mature at different times
        2. Money market to CD?
            1. Prefence for money market account because flexibility to withdraw funds as needed without penalty

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

Roll Call

Maria Miller	Aye
Nia Spencer	Absent
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Anita Johnson	Aye
Karen Dresden	Absent
Ricardo Chapa	Aye
Brian Holden	Aye
Andria Wisler	Aye

C. Signatures on Bank Accounts at City First

1. ED
2. Chair of Board
3. Treasurer

D. Status of Credit Enhancement Warranty

OSSE loan – Status of Credit Enhancement Warranty

1. Want to show good-faith $150,000 this year
2. June 30, 2026 is the end-date of the loan
    1. Applying for extension of loan for another 5 years

E. Update on PEX system for management of credit cards

Included in Acting ED report.

F. Annual Audit coming up

1. Meeting November 18th to look at draft, draft should be received by 14th of November
2. They will come to December 9th Board Meeting, so we can vote because it's due on December 10th
3. 990 IRS form, due date is November 15th
    1. File for extension and then submit in February

VI. ASPIRE Dashboard

A. School Environment

All sections of ASPIRE covered during acting ED report

B. School Achievement

C. School Progress

VII. Follow-up on items discussed last meeting

A. Parent communication about Karen's leave

No communication from families about the leave

B. School leadership support while Karen's on leave

Tasliym reminded the board that she is learning a lot and jumping into existing processes. When asked what the board can do to help, she noted:

1. Communication of existing processes
2. Patience with transition into this acting role

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Academic Excellence Committee

B. Community Engagement Committee

C. Finance & Facilities Committee

D. Governance Committee

Recruiting new board members and skillset

1. Finance person
2. Believes in the mission of the school
3. The time to commit
4. An HR person
5. Charter academic experience

E. Risk & Audit

IX. Closing Items

A. Announcements

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andria Wisler

Documents used during the meeting

- 2025_09_30_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- Acting ED Report - November 4th Board Meeting.pdf
- GGA - Supplemental Report - September 2025.xlsx
- Board Report - FFC - Nov 2025.pdf

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