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## Girls Global Academy

# Minutes

## October Board Meeting

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### Date and Time

Tuesday November 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM

### Location

In person

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### 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

### Non Voting Members Present

Karen Venable-Croft

### Guests Present

Shamira O'Neal, Tasliym Lester

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## 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**

Maria Miller	Aye
Ricardo Chapa	Aye
Brian Holden	Aye
Nia Spencer	Absent
Anita Johnson	Aye
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Karen Dresden	Absent
Andria Wisler	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. Preference for money market account because flexibility to withdraw funds as needed without penalty

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

#### Roll Call

Brian Holden	Aye
Ricardo Chapa	Aye
Andria Wisler	Aye
Maria Miller	Aye

**Roll Call**

Karen Dresden	Absent
Nia Spencer	Absent
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy	Aye
Anita Johnson	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

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**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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