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Girls Global Academy

Minutes

January Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday January 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89920886688?pwd=OLuL2rBuRpxMuUs7BYlmmRlkvkyqRI.1

Trustees Present
Andria Wisler (remote), Anita Johnson (remote), Brian Holden (remote), Karen Dresden (remote), Lauren Johannesson-McCoy (remote), Maria Miller (remote), Ricardo Chapa (remote)

Trustees Absent
Nia Spencer

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 Tuesday Jan 27, 2026 at 6:36 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Andria Wisler made a motion to approve the minutes from October Board Meeting on 11-04-25.
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy seconded the motion.

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

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

Andria Wisler made a motion to approve the minutes from Short Board Meeting for Audit Vote on 12-04-25.
Lauren Johannesson-McCoy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

D. Board Announcements

Announcements
-Update from PCSB: met ASPIRE framework increase!
-We are no longer on the Financial Monitoring list as of yesterday!

II. Mission Moment

A. Mission Moment

Karen V-C: Reflection on return from sabbatical
Invited by teachers to attend Senior Shark Tank pitches

Trip to Brazil in October. Learning Brazilian Portuguese, interact with a different culture and share the work that Karen does at GGA.

III. Executive Director Report

A. Executive Director Report

Annual Report
Recap of ASPIRE

GGA met the first condition of the 5-year review through Pathway D. GGA improved its ASPIRE score from SY23-24 to SY 24-25 from 24.4 percentage points earned to 32.1 percentage points earned respectively.

Conditions prescribed by PCSB
-charter goals pathway
-Pathway D
-24-25 earned points on 17 measures; improved on 11 measures; didn't improve on 4
-GGA improved on ASPIRE framework for 24-25 school year = meets condition #1 from PCSB

New Goal: Earn level 3 or higher on ASPIRE framework for 25-26
Pathway B: improve score from prior year

5 key areas of focus as listed on presentation
-Chronic Absenteeism
-Re-enrollment
-College and career acceptance
-9th grade on track
-MAP growth

As we did last year, we have a simulation for this year to see where we are in terms of ASPIRE framework scores.

2 school-specific measures: Enrichment (Wednesday classes) and Family Engagement

Student portfolios, student-led conferences with families and teachers all lead into ASPIRE framework.

GGA adopted PMF when school opened, by April 1, 2026 GGA needs to decide if adopted ASPIRE framework or created individually-negotiated goals. We will decide this during the February Board Meeting. Because PMF is no longer used.

DC CAPE is changing again: PCSB-granted grace and acclimation period.

Budget
-in process of working to maintain budget numbers with actuals
-200 students enrolled by count day in the fall
-No longer on monitoring list!
-Important to obtain new funding from DC Council for subsequent years: UPSFF

What's New

-GGA Board Dashboard: access information will be emailed out to the Board. (Also, on page 3 of ED Report.)
-https://data.empowerk12.org/accounts/login/?next=/reports/1142/
-Fund Diversification (more during FFC update)
-990 Questionnaire
-Budget timeline as listed in presentation

Staffing Status
-1 vacancy still
-Offer out for Biology position with February start time

Student Recruitment
-MySchool DC Lottery opened 12/15; deadline is 2/1
-Goal to get same number of applications as last year or more
-Goal to retain same number of students or more for next academic year
-Goal for next year is 200+ students enrolled

IV. Community Engagement

A. Updates

Admissions report

- Thank you to Julie and team for providing this data

Update on recruitment

- Going well
- Monthly open houses
- Global engagement
- Middle schools coming through walk-throughs
- Report has list of schools where students are coming from (middle schools and high schools)

Upcoming Events

- Trailblazer Showcase Feb 4th
- Global Summit in March

If you haven't made a donation, please do! Our goal is 100% board giving.

V. Finance & Facilities Committee

A. GGA Off DCPCSB Financial Monitoring List

B.

Review of the financial reports as of December 30, 2025

Days of cash at year-end: 108 days
Project to have $2M on 6/30/26

Health of finances directly related to enrollment
Income $1.2M above budget because enrollment of 199 instead of budgeted 170
Additional expenses $976K

OSSE Loan
Due date 6/30/27
Balloon payment $1.5M
Working on getting an extension of the loan; 2-3 years, but hope for 5 years
Okay without extension, but much healthier financial with an extension
Discuss how to reflect forecasted cash position after loan due date

C. Status of Credit Enhancement Warranty

Credit Enhancement Warranty Letter from OSSE as requested by landlord: for $450,000 rent payments guaranteed
Lease re-negotiation plan and strategies

D. Check-in on PEX system for management of credit cards

Going well. Altered account with the bank, so a bit more challenging to fund the cards since the bank account is now a sweep account. New proposal will be coming to FFC.

VI. ASPIRE

A. Overview of where GGA is with ASPIRE

Academic overview from Dr. O'Neal

Taking on ASPIRE goals and school's charter goals -- **coming to a vote in March.**

Academic Updates
-Academic Highlight: 98 out of 198 earned honor roll
-Important Dates: DC CAPE benchmark testing end of February; Winter MAP Testing 3rd week of January
-Data and Analysis from Q1

What is the relationship between Reading Levels (MAP score) and Academic Performance?

B. School Environment

Student Interventions
-Weekly Intervention Block on Wednesdays
-Georgetown Tutoring Tues and Thursdays push-in to classes
-Intervention block built into their schedules, every 6 days
Grade Reflections & Analysis, Goal Setting on a weekly basis

Adult Interventions
-Pop-in observations and feedback
-1:1 coaching
-Professional development: scaffolding and differentiation
-Workshops: using data to inform instruction

Leader Priorities: all have different priorities according to these roles
-SPED Coordinator
-Culture Coordinator
-College and Career Counselor
-Academic Program Coordinator

Question re teacher retention goal: teacher survey from the district, pulse surveys, pro devo teachers supporting each other

Question re leadership team same configuration as last year or have their been shifts?
SPED Coordinator hasn't changed; Culture Coordinator has been here but the role is new this year; College and Career Readiness has changed.
Seeing the impact of the Culture Coordinator.

C. School Achievement

Not specifically covered in Dr. O'Neal's remarks

D. School Progress

Not specifically covered in Dr. O'Neal's remarks; covered in ED's report in Section III above.

E. Adopting DCPCSB ASPIRE Goals as Charter Goals

Homework: do the reading to be prepared for vote in February

VII. Consent Agenda

A.

Academic Excellence Committee

Not done because discussed earlier meeting

B. Community Engagement Committee

Not done because discussed earlier meeting

C. Finance & Facilities Committee

Not done because discussed earlier meeting

D. Governance Committee

Not done during meeting

E. Risk & Audit

Outreach to getting parent board members.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Announcements

Global Showcase is next week!

Mark calendars for next month's board meeting

Optional board training on Wednesday, Feb 11th at noon

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andria Wisler

Documents used during the meeting

- DRAFT 2025_12_04_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- DRAFT Oct Mtg_2025_11_04_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- ED Report January 26.pdf
- Community Engagement Committee_January 13, 2026.pdf
- GGA off DCPCSB’s Financial Monitoring List.pdf
- GGA - Supplemental Report - December 2025.xlsx

- Charter Goals Amendment - ASPIRE Adoption Packet.pdf
- 2024-06-10 Vote Charter Goals Policy ZAT A BBF (2).pdf

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