



# The GLOBE Academy

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday February 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM

#### **Location**

Lower Campus

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Notice of this meeting was posted at both campuses and on the GLOBE website in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1.

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#### **Directors Present**

A. McMillon, D. Torre Gibney, F. Sun, H. Portier, J. Tanaja, N. Cowan, P. Castro, S. Ellis, S. Yasyerli, T. Russell (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

B. Heidelberg

#### **Guests Present**

Ashton King, C. Blunt, C. Elliott-Earby, Chiamaka Osegbu, R. Lofstrand, Shari Shabbazz, Thalia Bruen

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

A. McMillon called a meeting of the board of directors of The GLOBE Academy to order on Monday Feb 23, 2026 at 7:06 PM.

**B. Record Attendance and Guests**

**C. Vision, Mission and Core Values**

Vision, Mission and Values were read.

**II. Public Comment**

**A. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**III. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approve Agenda**

Consent Agenda approved.

**B. Approve Minutes**

S. Yasyerli made a motion to approve minutes from December 2025 meeting.

S. Ellis seconded the motion.

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

**IV. Upper and Lower Campus Reports**

**A. Upper Campus Reports**

R. Loftstrand reported

Teachers Sharing Knowledge

- 2 middle school teachers will be presenting at the FLAG conference

- M. Schwarzmer, MS Science, presented at a conference in February

Sharing with Each Other

- TNTP survey showed that area for growth was professional development

- today presented survey data to staff, looked at how to increase survey data; teachers driving the work

- looked at ways to review student work more; protocols within grade levels to observe student work

Growing Math Knowledge

- using My PATH software to use during WIN based on MAP scores and Math and ELA work synced with MAP scores; fall to winter data showed use of My Path and MAP growth

Growing MS Identity

- 6th grade kick off started year

- Growing 8th grade to 5 homerooms, 6th and 7th will be at 6 homerooms
  - Adding Connections
  - 8th grade leadership working with Ms. Stowe to get library up and running
  - working on more effective scheduling
- Leading
- R. Loftstrand and C. Blunt participating in ISTE (leadership organization)
  - executing initiatives and protocols
  - attending training in March to strengthen capacity to motivate and inspire without position or power

## **B. Lower Campus Report**

C. Blunt reported

Toddle

- using Toddle for progress reports
- will begin Q3 progress reports
- using for announcements and student assignments
- using student portfolios - 911 portfolio entries for 672 students

Field Trips

- every student will have opportunity to go on field trip this year
- all scheduled at least one
- 2nd grade Mandarin went to Center for Puppetry Arts, Kindergarten went to Center for Puppetry Arts, 4th grade went to youth museum
- upcoming, 2nd grade to Children's Museum of Atlanta; 2nd Spanish Alliance Theater; 3rd grade Atlanta History Center, 4th is going to Dahlonega gold mine

Lunar New Year

- honored in January throughout month
- parents made moon cakes
- village plaza celebration

## **C. MTSS / Data Coaches**

MTSS - federally required framework schools use to support student learning

- framework for supporting academics, behavior and social emotional learning
- uses multiple sources of information
- focus on monitoring over time
- put CREST values into practice
- trying to act before issues increase
- Supporting whole child - academic and behavior/well being; goal is to meet them where they are; clear expectations, consistent routines

How Move from Data to Doing

- notice work, assessments, teacher observations
- discuss and review patterns
- support - instruction is adjusted and targeted support
- monitor and adjust - based on needs

#### Additional Support Added

- supports added gradually

- may include classroom level adjustments, targeted small group support, individualized support

Families are partners in decision making

Tiers 1-3 :Tier 1 is for all students, Tier 2 is for 5-10% targeted for students at risk,

Tier 3 - 1-5% individualized support for the few students with intensive challenges

Student support decisions are made through collaboration and family partnership

EIP - key ways to target early support Early Intervention Program, state funded program; focused on reading and math and support in grades K-5;

REP - middle school, math and reading, support during WIN block, general ed support, not special ed, support temporary

MTSS/Data Coaches - working with teachers to support them

A. McMillion asked about reporting; C. Elliott answered that reporting is required and goes to DeKalb County School System

S. Shabazz explained reporting involving test scores, assessments and rubrics.

DCSS is provided information about students in each program/quarterly reports required

A. McMillion asked about interaction with EIP and REP. T. Bruen responded that there may be students who receive services and interventions at Tier 3, individual students assessed and might be on EIP but not tiered.

### V. SY Calendar Vote

#### A. SY 26-27 Calendar Vote

Try to stay as close to DCSS as possible due to siblings

179 student days (3 independent learning days and 2 early release)

190 instructional staff days

DCSD - 180

170 required

difference between us and DCSS is start date on Wednesday vs Monday in August

D. Torrey-Gibney asked about why DCSS asked about the extra day and C. Elliott answered because we start on a Wednesday

P. Castro made a motion to approve proposed calendar SY26-27.

J. Tanaja seconded the motion.

none

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

#### B. SY 27-28 Calendar Vote

S. Yasyerli made a motion to approve SY27-28.

S. Ellis seconded the motion.

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

### VI. Finance Report

### A. Vote Regarding Procurement Policy

GLOBE staff, Jen Parker, requested a change to the procurement policy (school purchases).

Presently, Anything above 10k 2 Board members

Above 15k full Board

Want oversight but not too restrictive

Creating RFP review panel (bidding process); review panel will consist of Chair,

Treasurer, 3rd Board member with knowledge

requesting to change policy to increase to 100k for Board approval for vendor selection.

under 25k, Jen and Christi's judgment and CFO, 25k-100k RFP panel

Prices very high and this was stifling

F. Sun made a motion to Approve new Procurement Policy creating panel for purchases

25k-100k, Board approval above 100k, under 25k, at staff discretion.

S. Yasyerli seconded the motion.

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

### B. Facilities Update

None.

## VII. Governance Report

### A. Governance Update

\*Governance update regarding applications for Board position for Charter Renewal

\*12 hours required for 2nd year Board

\*New requirements for Charter

### B. Vote Regarding Communications Chair

P. Castro made a motion to appoint Ashton King as communications chair appoint Ashton King to the Board for term of 2026-2029.

S. Yasyerli seconded the motion.

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

### C. Vote Regarding Strategic Chair

A. McMillon made a motion to approve completion of Breck Heidelberg of Strategic Planning Chair approve completion of Breck Heidelberg's service on Board of Directors.

S. Ellis seconded the motion.

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

A. McMillon made a motion to enter executive session.

H. Portier seconded the motion.

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

F. Sun made a motion to rejoin main session.

S. Ellis seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### VIII. Executive Session

#### A. Vote Regarding Project Ollie (real estate)

F. Sun made a motion to approve sale of properties.  
S. Ellis seconded the motion.  
Sarah Ahston abstained  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### Roll Call

H. Portier	Aye
P. Castro	Aye
S. Yasyerli	Aye
N. Cowan	Aye
A. McMillon	Aye
T. Russell	Aye
S. Ellis	Aye
D. Torre Gibney	Aye
F. Sun	Aye
B. Heidelberg	Absent
J. Tanaja	Aye

#### B. Vote regarding legal matter

F. Sun made a motion to spending 4M to reduce bond debt with remaining invested in treasury contingent upon settlement approval.  
S. Ellis seconded the motion.  
Ashton King abstained  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### Roll Call

A. McMillon	Aye
S. Ellis	Aye
F. Sun	Aye
D. Torre Gibney	Aye
P. Castro	Aye
J. Tanaja	Aye
S. Yasyerli	Aye
B. Heidelberg	Absent
H. Portier	Aye
T. Russell	Aye
N. Cowan	Aye

### IX. 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 10:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Torre Gibney