APPROVED

Golden Charter Academy

Minutes

GCA Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday April 16, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Location
Golden Charter Academy
1626 W. Princeton Ave.
Fresno, CA 93705

Directors Present
E. Gonzalez, H. Johnson, R. Golden, Z. Fraser

Directors Absent
B. De Vore, J. D'Ambrosio

Guests Present
Dave Herspring, J. Gonzales, J. Xiong, Manpreet Gill, S. Morris

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

H. Johnson called a meeting of the board of directors of Golden Charter Academy to order on Thursday Apr 16, 2026 at 4:05 PM.

B. Roll Call

C.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Hannah Johnson.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Z. Fraser made a motion to approve the agenda.
E. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Public Comments

II. Consent Agenda

A. March 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from GCA Board of Trustees Meeting on 03-19-26.
Z. Fraser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Information / Discussion

A. Reports and Updates

GCA Scholar Highlight (Stephen Morris, Ed.D., Interim Head of School)

- **Azariah - 7th grade scholar**
  - Lunch with Dr. Morris daily, presentation to 2nd grade class - story about the content he's creating on social media. Class asked him to come back. He started the program where older scholars go into younger grades and read to them.
- **School Operations**
  - School-wide evaluations starting up soon
  - Reduced daily affirmations to weekly
  - Instructional minutes - time management
  - Discipline system tighten up, implementing MTSS to full capacity
- **Testing**
  - Testing May 4th - May 22nd
  - Last 40 days — testing preparations
  - Brought in testing consultants: testing schedule established, teachers trained to guide testing, give incentives to students who do well during testing

Board Chair Announcements & Updates (Hannah Johnson, Board Chair)

- **Form 700 Filing** - to be completed as soon as possible

- **Earth Day - April 22nd**: Board attendance highly encouraged
- **Pillar Signing - April 10th**: Scholar celebration at construction site
- **Board Annoucements**: Prioritized Board attendance at Board meetings and high focus on enrollment recruitment, petition renewal etc.

CEO Reports (Robert Golden, President & CEO)

- **Thank you**: Thank you Board members for spending your time to support GCA
- **How can the Board be actively engaged - Sub-Committees**:
  - Governance: Recruit 2-3 new Board members by June 2026. Establish systems and expectations by April 30th. Maintain compliance with Bylaws and Governance policies.
  - Academic Excellence: Student outcomes (academic performance & achievement) and charter renewal.
  - Audit-Finance: Financial health and sustainability. Budget adjustments, long-term planning, staffing, enrollment and facility costs.
  - Fundraising-Communications: Sustainability, visibility and growth. Inviting donors and sponsors to GCA events and fundraisers. Developing naming opportunities and donor engagement strategy.
- **2026-2027 Enrollment**
  - Academic & Systems: improved / established systems
  - Recruitment & Outreach: canvassing neighborhood homes and businesses
  - Marketing & Advertising: ads, website updates
  - 2026-27 Applications: 161 total applications received as of 4/15
    - With returning scholars + new applications: current 26-27 enrollment at 453
- **Past Events**
  - Enrollment Community & Media Day - March 28, 2026
  - Pillar Signing Day - April 10, 2026
- **Facility Updates**
  - Concrete being lay outdoor, planters put in, gates infrastructure to go up next week.

B. Sub Committee Reports & Updates

Audit - Finance Committee

- Projected 317, P3 came at 313
- Identified three potential partners — term sheets to be available at the next Board meeting.
- Committee May meeting: to be scheduled

C. Mandatory Board Training & Certification

Monday, April 27th at 4pm (virtual)

IV. Action Items

A. Consideration & Approval of the BP/AR 1445 — Response to Immigration Enforcement.

Z. Fraser made a motion to approve the BP/AR 1445 — Response to Immigration Enforcement.
E. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Consideration & Approval of the 2025-2026 Curriculum Coordinator Job Description and Salary Range.

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Curriculum Coordinator Job Description and Salary Range.
Z. Fraser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Board Member Comments

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2026 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

VI. 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 5:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Johnson