APPROVED

Golden Charter Academy

Minutes

GCA Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time
Friday August 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Location
Golden Charter Academy
452 N Pacific Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Clovis Community College
10309 N Willow Avenue
Fresno, CA 93730

Directors Present
H. Johnson, J. D'Ambrosio, R. Golden, Z. Fraser

Directors Absent
B. De Vore

Ex Officio Members Present
J. Weber (remote)

Non Voting Members Present
J. Weber (remote)

Guests Present

J. Gonzales, J. Xiong, 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 Friday Aug 14, 2026 at 9:02 AM.

B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Hannah Johnson.
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D. Approval of the Agenda

Z. Fraser made a motion to approve the agenda.
J. D'Ambrosio seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Swearing in of Newly Elected Board Members

Swearing in of **Dr. Kim Armstrong** led by Hannah Johnson.

Swearing in of **Jeffie Hickman** led by Hannah Johnson.

F. Public Comments

II. Consent Agenda

A. June 18, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes

J. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve the minutes from GCA Special Board of Trustees Meeting on 06-18-26.
Z. Fraser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. June 18, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

J. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve the minutes from GCA Board of Trustees Meeting on 06-18-26.
Z. Fraser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Approval of Revised Job Descriptions

J. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve the revised job descriptions.
Z. Fraser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Information / Discussion

A. Reports and Updates

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

- Welcome and appreciation to returning & new Board members, staff and faculty.

CEO Reports (Robert Golden, President & CEO)

- Welcome returning Board members and new members to the Golden Age.
- Board
  - Committees > Board expertise crucial
  - Upcoming: Charter Petition renewal
- Previously: low enrollment > financial pressure
- Currently:
  - policies & procedures improvement updates
  - identified financial stability
  - adding new Board members to strengthen governance
  - enrollment increase: current enrollment at 504
  - academic rise (35+ pt in ELA, 48+ pt in Math)
- Financial Updates
  - Joining virtually: Brian Holman, Musick Peeler
  - East West bank line of credit > stabilize cash flow
    - lender payments
- 2026–2027 Goals
  - Financial Sustainability
  - Charter Renewal
  - Strategic Partnership & Campus Expansion
  - Academic Excellence
  - Organizational Excellence
- Upcoming:
  - First Day of School: August 17th, gates opening at 7:30am
  - Back to School Nights: August 18th & 19th at 5-6pm

Administration Reports & Updates (Stephen Morris, Ed.D., Superintendent-Principal)

- Academic Growth: academic growth in ELA and Math, decrease in students scoring at level 1.
  - Level 1: students scoring below grade level

- Proficiency: Proficiency rate is students' scoring percentage at or above state grade standards
  - ELA Growth % by Year: 2022: 10%, 2024: 22%, 2025: 19%, 2026: 24%
  - Math Growth % by Year: 2022: 6%, 2024: 7%, 2025: 9%, 2026: 21%
  - 3rd Grade - TK students from 21-22:
    - ELA Percentage Growth: 29%
    - Math Percentage Growth: 31%

- Enrollment Updates:
  - Current enrollment: 504
  - Available space: 28
  - Waitlist: 163
- New & Upcoming at GCA:
  - sports, new student information system (SIS), systems sync, attendance, transportation, scholar resource center (SRC),
    - SPED: growing population

Financial Reports (Jim Weber, Charter Impact)

- June 2026 Financial Updates
  - 2025-2026 Unaudited Actuals Report
    - P2 ADA 313, down from 2nd Interim forecast P2 317
    - Action Items:
      - 2025-2026 Arts and Music in Schools (Prop 28) Annual Report
      - 2023-2024 Final Expenditure Report
    - Ongoing annual surplus required to stabilize cash flow — near 15% reserve

B. Rescheduling of 2026-2027 Board Retreat

Friday, August 28, 2026 | 8:30 AM — 5:30 PM
Saturday, August 29, 2026 | 8:30 AM — 5:30 PM
Friday, September 4, 2026 | 8:30 AM — 5:30 PM
Saturday, September 5, 2026 | 8:30 AM — 5:30 PM

Date: **Saturday, August 29, 2026 | 8:30 AM — 5:30 PM**

IV. Action Items

A. Consideration & Approval of the Campus Safety Specialist Job Description & Salary Range.

J. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve the Campus Safety Specialist Job Description & Salary Range.
Z. Fraser seconded the motion.

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

B. Consideration & Approval of the Security Services Proposal & Service Agreement with Axiom Executive Enterprises.

Z. Fraser made a motion to approve the Security Services Proposal & Service Agreement with Axiom Executive Enterprises.
J. D'Ambrosio seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Consideration & Approval of the 2025-2026 Unaudited Actuals Report.

Z. Fraser made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Unaudited Actuals Report.
H. Johnson seconded the motion.
Dr. Kim Armstrong second the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Consideration & Approval of the 2025-2026 Education Protection Account (EPA) Actual Expenditures.

J. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Education Protection Account (EPA) Actual Expenditures.
Z. Fraser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Consideration & Approval of the 2025-2026 Arts and Music in Schools (Prop 28) Annual Report and 2023-2024 Final Expenditure Report.

H. Johnson made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Arts and Music in Schools (Prop 28) Annual Report and 2023-2024 Final Expenditure Report.
J. D'Ambrosio seconded the motion.
Dr. Kim Armstrong motion the item.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Consideration & Approval of the East West Bank Form of Resolutions.

J. D'Ambrosio made a motion to approve the East West Bank Form of Resolutions.
Z. Fraser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

G. Consideration & Approval of the Facilities Management Portal Agreement with Facilitron, Inc.

Z. Fraser made a motion to Table for a later Board meeting.
J. D'Ambrosio seconded the motion.
Table for a later Board meeting.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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Consideration & Approval of the 2026-2027 Fresno Chaffee Zoo Partnership Contract.

Z. Fraser made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Fresno Chaffee Zoo Partnership Contract.
J. D'Ambrosio seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Upcoming Events

A. August 2026

Board Participation Encouraged
August 17th: Grand Opening/ First Day of School, 7:15-8am

Board Participation Optional
August 18th & 19th: Back to School Night, 5-6pm

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 11:24 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Johnson