



Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

GOBPT July Board Retreat

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Date and Time

Tuesday July 22, 2025 at 8:30 AM EDT

Location

375 Howard Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			8:30 AM
A. Record Attendance		Bob Carlson	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Bob Carlson	1 m
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Bob Carlson	1 m
Approve minutes for GOBPT June Board Meeting on June 17, 2025			
II. Votes & General Business			8:33 AM
A. Board Roles	Vote	Bob Carlson	5 m

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Board Treasurer			
Board Secretary			
B. Committee Selections	Vote	Bob Carlson	10 m
C. Wellness Policy	FYI	Latoya Hubbard	5 m
D. Set Calendar for SY 2025-2026	Discuss	Bob Carlson	5 m
III. Executive Session			8:58 AM
A. Vote to enter Executive Executive Session	Vote	Bob Carlson	1 m
B. Executive Session	Discuss	Bob Carlson	30 m
C. Vote to Exit Executive Session	Vote	Bob Carlson	1 m
IV. Presentation Part 1- Responses to Board Requests			9:30 AM
A. How do we differentiate ourselves as a school?	FYI	Benjamin Chan	10 m
B. How can we further differentiate ourselves as a school?	FYI		10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 1 - Our Unique School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Chris Pellegrino, High School Principal ◦ Denise Linares, Middle School Principal ◦ John Scalice, CEO 			
V. Presentation Part 2 - Response to Board Requests			9:50 AM
A. How do we raise scores?	FYI		5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Karen Francis Barnes: ELA Data & Curriculum as well as STEM Data & Curriculum 			
B. What are the obstacles to raising scores?			5 m
C. What History do we teach?			10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 2 - Increasing Student Achievement and Implementing Curriculum 			

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	◦ Dr. Karen Francis-Barnes			
VI.	Break			10:10 AM
	A. Break			10 m
VII.	Presentation Part 3 - Response to Board Requests			10:20 AM
	A. What is our plan to attract and retain our best teachers?	FYI	Latoya Hubbard	20 m
VIII.	Presentation Part 4 - Response to Board Requests			10:40 AM
	A. What is our plan to provide tutoring with the loss of AmeriCorps funding to the Great Oaks Foundation?	FYI		20 m
	• Presentation 4 - The Bridgeport Foundation for Urban Education Equity			
	◦ Dr. Brian Frazier, Director of Special Programs			
IX.	Presentation Part 5 - Response to Board Requests			11:00 AM
	A. How does the administration plan to save \$300,000 per year?	Discuss	John Scalice	60 m
	• Presentation 5 - School Finance			
	◦ John Scalice, CEO			
X.	Presentation Part 6 - Response to Board Requests			12:00 PM
	A. What is the fundraising plan for the school?	FYI	John Scalice	20 m
	• Presentation 6 - Fundraising			
	◦ John Scalice, CEO			
	◦ Latoya Hubbard, COO			
XI.	Closing Items			12:20 PM

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A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Bob Carlson	10 m