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Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

Minutes

GOBPT October Governance Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday October 14, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Location
375 Howard Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06605

Committee Members Present
Bob Carlson (remote), David Zieff, Marie Casper, Tenssie Ramsay (remote)

Committee Members Absent
Bea Bagley, Matthew Nwosu

Guests Present
Farah Martin, Frederick Laist, John Scalice, Latoya Hubbard

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Bob Carlson called a meeting of the Governance Committee Committee of Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport to order on Wednesday Oct 14, 2026 at 4:07 PM.

C. Approve Last Month's Meeting Minutes

Marie Casper made a motion to approve the minutes from September Governance Meeting on 09-09-26.
David Zieff seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Governance Committee

A. COO Report

L. Hubbard reports we are under enrolled this year. Ended roughly around 625 students on October 1st.

- We are still reconciling until end of October.

This year we got less applications this year but the big thing that we are seeing is that students are leaving because they offer things we don't have like a sports program and leaving later in the year. This becomes a big issue for us when they leave later, it becomes difficult to get families off the waitlist at that time because students are already enrolled in another school.

Another thing to note is that we have a partnership with CIRI and this year we got 5 students instead of about 30 students a year. Because of the political climate we are seeing less families wanting to move their students or have them go to a different school. B. Carlson asked if this is a big reason for why students are leaving? L. Hubbard states she believes so because they are going to bigger schools. L. Hubbard did not have any data to show this at the moment.

J. Scalice was thinking about doing an open enrollment period. This is one strategy going into next year. We want to promote programs within the school to look more attractive to the community. Admin team will look at how else to recruit including retention.

D. Zieff asked how open enrollment worked. If we accept someone early, are we jeopardizing the lottery process? L. Hubbard states no because we are accepting students for this current school year not next year.

B. CEO Report

J. Scalice reports board members are invited in person or virtually to the October 29th board meeting with the State.

J. Scalice went over the day and who the state wants to talk to, meet and focus groups.

B. Carlson wants to discuss potential buy the school building. J. Scalice will discuss it during the finance meeting.

J. Scalice reports that Fred states we do not have a complete copy of our lease including lots of revisions and amendments. This will need to be reviewed. B. Carlson asked who was the foundation lawyers. J. Scalice reports he will asked Michael Duffy. Fred will work to get the lease.

III. Other Business

A. New business

Public Hearing - November 10th, 2026 from 6-8pm at the school.

IV. 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 4:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Carlson

Attention: Times and Locations are subject to change.