

GEO Academies EBR

Minutes

GEO Academies EBR Board Meeting

Date and Time

Friday December 8, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Location

GEO Academies EBR
Administration Building
2311 N. Sherwood Forest Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Directors Present

D. Dixon, D. Slan, J. Lewis, K. Smith, T. Wade

Directors Absent

D. Williams

Guests Present

D. Teasley, K. Teasley, M. Grand, S. Norman

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Wade called a meeting of the board of directors of GEO Academies EBR to order on Friday Dec 8, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

C. Approve Agenda

D. Slan made a motion to Amend the Agenda to Move Item III(D) before Item III(C).
J. Lewis seconded the motion.
Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
D. Slan made a motion to Approve the Agenda, as amended.

D. Dixon seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

D. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

D. Dixon made a motion to Defer approval of the October 12, 2023 Board meeting minutes.

D. Slan seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

It was noted that the October 23, 2023 Board meeting minutes had already been approved by the Board, so no further action was taken on this item.

D. Slan made a motion to Defer approval of the November 14, 2023 Board meeting minutes,.

K. Smith seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

II. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Items

The Board discussed Board committees, procedures for posting notice of committee meetings, and the legal requirements regarding recording committee meeting minutes. Counsel for the Board advised that committee meetings are subject to Louisiana Open Meeting laws, that all committee meetings must be properly noticed, and that minutes of all committee meetings must be properly recorded and posted to the schools' websites.

These procedures will be implemented for committee meetings moving forward.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of 2023-24 Board Meeting Calendar

D. Slan made a motion to Approve the remainder of the 2023-24 Board calendar, which will be the third Thursday of March, April, and May at noon.

D. Dixon seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

B. Approval of 2024-25 Board Meeting Calendar

D. Slan made a motion to Approve the 2024-25 Board calendar, which will be the third Thursday of August, September, October, November, March, April, and May at noon.

D. Dixon seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

Dr. Wade confirmed with Mr. Kevin Teasley that the GEO Foundation will publicly post the Board meeting calendars for 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the schools' websites.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Discussion and Approval of Prospective Board Members

D. Slan made a motion to Nominate and add Ms. Norma Jean Frank to be a new board member of the Board of GEO Academies EBR.

D. Dixon seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

D. Election of Board Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

D. Slan made a motion to Elect Ms. Jada Lewis as Board Vice Chair.

D. Dixon seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

D. Slan made a motion to Elect Ms. Frank as Board Treasurer.

D. Dixon seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

D. Slan made a motion to Elect Ms. Dixon for Board Secretary.

J. Lewis seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

IV. New Business

A. Superintendent Report

Mr. Teasley presented a report to the board on teacher salaries and stipends, and introduced the schools' new Chief Academic Officer, Ms. Shirlon Norman. Mr. Teasley also discussed the upcoming Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools (LAPCS) conference and reported on the upcoming BESE meeting at which the renewal of GEO Next Generation High School and GEO Prep Academy will be considered by BESE.

V. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

D. Slan made a motion to Move into Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(4).

D. Dixon seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

During Executive Session, the matters discussed were limited to discussion with Board Counsel pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(4). No final or binding action was taken during Executive Session.

D. Slan made a motion to Move out of Executive Session into Regular Session.

J. Lewis seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Lewis made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

D. Slan seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, T. Wade called for public comment, but none was made.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Grand