

GEO Academies EBR

Minutes

GEO Academies EBR March Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday March 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Location

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

THE GEO ACADEMIES MISSION is to EMPOWER students to ACCELERATE their academic pathways to ADVANCE their social mobility and ACHIEVE their career and life-long goals.

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Directors Present

B. Lilly, D. Dixon, D. Slan, D. Williams, J. Lewis, J. Miller, L. Triggs, N. Frank (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

D. Williams, J. Miller

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

B. Lilly, D. Dixon, D. Williams

Guests Present

C. Ebey, D. Henry (remote), D. Teasley (remote), Dana Henry, K. Forbes, K. Pitts (remote), Kathy Pitts, Pete Ugo, S. Norman

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Lewis called a meeting of the board of directors of GEO Academies EBR to order on Thursday Mar 27, 2025 at 5:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

D. Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes from GEO Academies EBR February Board Meeting on 02-06-25.

D. Slan seconded the motion.

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

II. Finance

A. Audit Update

Presentation from Pete Ugo from Crowe reviewing the audits of GEO Schools reporting clean audits.

D. Williams arrived at 5:09 PM.

J. Miller arrived at 5:12 PM.

B. Approvals - GEO Prep Academy Refinance

Presentation from D. Teasley regarding the refinance of the Academy at 6.25% financing 4.8MM and the impact of the various refinancing options. DT recommends the 30 year option.

D. Henry presented board resolution that would enable the board chair the ability to consult, review, and execute any documents related to the refinance options previously discussed.

D. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution presented to the board by Dana Henry.

B. Lilly seconded the motion.

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

III. Other Business

A. Discussion and Action related to the continued operation of GEO Baker

Discussion led by Dana Teasley regarding GEO Prep Baker. The conversation touched on current enrollment, intent to return forms and residence of current GEO Baker students.

Board also discussed options related to the management of GEO Prep Baker.

D. Williams made a motion to assign the GEO Prep Baker contract, under section 6.5 of the charter contract, to GEO Louisiana subject to the approval of BESE.

B. Lilly seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Lewis Aye

J. Miller Aye

D. Dixon Aye

D. Williams Aye

B. Lilly Aye

D. Slan Aye

L. Triggs Aye

D. Williams made a motion to in the event of denial of the assignment of GEO Prep Baker to GEO LA, the GEO EBR surrenders the charter to operate GEO Prep Baker.

B. Lilly seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

D. Williams Aye

D. Dixon Aye

J. Lewis Aye

D. Slan Aye

B. Lilly Aye

L. Triggs Aye

J. Miller Aye

D. Dixon left at 6:07 PM.

D. Williams left at 6:08 PM.

B. Lilly left at 6:08 PM.

IV. Academic Update

A. Superintendent Report

Dana Teasley presented update of GEO BR schools including:

1. Introduction of Lesley Mose as the HR employee in Baton Rouge
2. 10-year anniversary celebration
3. No update on the Frazier property
4. Board disclosure forms

V. Governance

A. Board Retreat

Jada requests board retreat date in May.

Jada to gather information from Board members regarding the day of May 24.

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 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Ebey