



# City Garden Montessori School

## Board of Directors Meeting

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### Date and Time

Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM CDT

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**This is an in-person meeting at 4209 Folsom Ave, St . Louis, MO 63110.**

**We will be live streaming the meeting via Zoom webinar at this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88115198576?pwd=Rnl0cWNYaDZsdkdES3o2VE9hQnNMdz09>

The meeting will also be recorded and posted on the City Garden website ([citygardenschool.org/board](http://citygardenschool.org/board))

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### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>6:00 PM</b>
Opening Items			
<b>A.</b> Call the Meeting to Order			2 m
<b>B.</b> Record Attendance and Guests			1 m
<b>C.</b> Recess General Meeting to Convene Closed Session	Vote	Donna Smith	50 m

In accordance with RSMo Sunshine Law, 610.021.2 (Real Estate) and 610.21.3 (Personnel), which require a roll call vote.

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<b>D.</b>	Resume the General Meeting	Donna Smith	3 m

- Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:

We, the community of City Garden Montessori, honor the Illiniwek (Eel-Ly-neh-wehk) people, the original protectors of the lands that we now call St. Louis, MO. Let's give a respectful and brief moment of silence.

- Acknowledge Board Meeting Agreements

- Create room for all voices and actively listen
- Acknowledge, affirm, and respect the ideas of other board members
- Ask questions, and do not shy away from challenging ones
- Use language that is grounded in Anti-Bias, Antiracism
- Keep the children at the center of every decision

<b>E.</b>	Mission Statement	Donna Smith	1 m
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City Garden exists to redefine education by developing the whole child in an excellent, inclusive, Montessori school; to reimagine community by creating spaces and systems that help to restore our collective humanity; and to reinvigorate our world by creating a culture in which individuals and communities thrive without disparities or barriers to success.

<b>F.</b>	Introductions and Public Comment	Discuss	Donna Smith	7 m
Each commenter will be given three minutes to speak.				

## **II. Action Items 7:04 PM**

<b>A.</b>	Approve Minutes from March 2023 Board Meeting	Approve Minutes	Donna Smith	3 m
<b>B.</b>	Approve February 2023 Financials	Vote	Joelle Fouse	15 m
<b>C.</b>	Approve Policies	Vote	Donna Smith	10 m

The Governance Committee has recommended that the board adopt the following policies:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Governance - Sunshine Law</li> <li>• School Operations - Annual Performance Report Information</li> <li>• School Operations - Community Engagement</li> <li>• School Operations - Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act</li> <li>• School Operations - Will's Law</li> <li>• Educational Instruction - Reading Assessment and Success Plan</li> <li>• Educational Instruction - Reading Success Act</li> </ul>			

<b>D.</b>	Discussion and Vote - The Center for Sustainable Leadership pilot board succession planning process	Vote	Donna Smith	10 m
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The Center for Sustainable Leadership offered to do a pilot board succession planning process for the board this year at no cost to City Garden. This would enable the board to plan for bringing on new board members, and a pathway for board succession.

### III. Information Items 7:42 PM

<b>A.</b>	Academic Report	FYI	Susie Shelton-Dodge	10 m
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Reporting about the work of the Academic Excellence Committee.

<b>B.</b>	CEO Report	FYI	Christie Huck	10 m
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Between March 1 and April 19, board members are asked to actively support the annual Day of Giving fundraiser by soliciting sponsorships and matching funds and by creating a Day of Giving Team to raise funds for City Garden.

<b>C.</b>	New Policies to Review for May Vote	Discuss	Donna Smith	10 m
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**This set of policies are for informational purposes this month. You will vote on this set of policies at the May 2023 Board Meeting.**

- Board Finance - Investments Policy (approved by Finance Committee)
- School Operations - Parents and Students Complaints and Grievances
- School Operations - Student Group Use of Facilities
- School Operations - Parental Notification
- School Operations - Missouri Student Religious Liberties
- School Operations - Student and Classroom Observations
- School Operations - Name and Pronoun

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<b>D.</b> Board Chair Report	FYI	Donna Smith	10 m

- We are seeking candidates for board membership for the upcoming year.
- Update about the Citywide Planning for Education Commission

#### **IV. Final Items 8:22 PM**

<b>A.</b> Questions and Comments	Discuss	Donna Smith	3 m
<b>B.</b> Reflection: Meeting Agreement	Discuss	Donna Smith	5 m
<b>C.</b> Reading Materials and Links	FYI		

- March 2023 Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
- March 2023 Finance Committee meeting minutes
- [Link to the City Garden School Calendar](#)

#### **V. Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings 8:30 PM**

<b>A.</b> Board and Committee Meetings	FYI
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##### **Board Meeting Schedule**

4/5/2023: Board of Directors Meeting

5/3/2023: Board of Directors Meeting

6/7/2023: Annual Board of Directors Meeting

**AUGUST ? /2023: Proposed Board of Directors Retreat**

##### **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

4/24/2023: Finance Committee Meeting - 5:30 PM

4/24/2023: Governance Committee Meeting - 8:30 AM

4/25/2023: Academic Excellence - 12:00 PM

#### **VI. Closing Items**

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>A.</b> Adjourn Meeting	Vote		