



City Garden Montessori School

2023-24 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday October 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM CDT

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)

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:00 PM
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A. Call the Meeting to Order			3 m
B. Record Attendance and Guests			1 m
C. Land Acknowledgement and Meeting Agreements		Donna Smith	3 m
• Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:			

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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

D.	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.

E.	Introductions and Public Comment	Discuss	Donna Smith	7 m
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Each commenter will be given three minutes to speak.

II.	Action Items			6:15 PM
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A.	Approve Minutes from September 2023 Board Meeting	Approve Minutes	Donna Smith	3 m
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B.	Approve July 2023 Financials	Vote	Joelle Fouse	15 m
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C.	Approve August 2023 Financials	Vote	Joelle Fouse	10 m
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D.	Vote on New Board Members	Vote	Donna Smith	10 m
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Candidates for City Garden Montessori Board of Directors are:

- Jesse Dixon
- Mia Howard

III.	Information Items			6:53 PM
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A. Communication Strategies for Admissions	FYI	Cassidy Flynn	10 m
Cassidy will share communication approaches used in the admissions process and data showing the reach and effectiveness of different strategies.			
B. CEO Report	FYI	Christie Huck	10 m
C. Board Chair Report	FYI	Donna Smith	10 m
Donna will share an update on succession planning with the Center for Sustainable Leadership.			

IV. Final Items 7:23 PM

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

- [Link to the City Garden School Calendar](#)
- Finance Committee Meeting minutes

V. Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings 7:31 PM

A. Board and Committee Meetings	FYI
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This Year's Board Schedule

Board Fall Retreat - Date TBD

11/1/2023: Closed Session at 6:00 pm (if needed), followed by General Session

12/6/2023: Closed Session at 6:00 pm (if needed), followed by General Session

No board meeting in January

Board Winter Retreat - Date TBD

2/7/2024: Closed Session at 6:00 pm (if needed), followed by General Session

3/6/2024: Closed Session at 6:00 pm (if needed), followed by General Session

4/3/2024: Closed Session at 6:00 pm (if needed), followed by General Session

5/1/2024: Closed Session at 6:00 pm (if needed), followed by General Session

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
6/5/2024:	Closed Session at 6:00 pm (if needed), followed by General Session		

Committee Meetings

10/25/2023: Finance Committee at 12:00 pm

VI. Closing Items

A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote
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