



# City Garden Montessori School

## 2023-24 Board Meeting

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### Date and Time

Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM CST

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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	30 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
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Each commenter will be given three minutes to speak.

<b>G.</b>	Academic Report	Pat Garrett and Amy Denother	15 m
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Pat Garrett and Amy Denother will share Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) data from Spring, 2023 and iReady assessment data comparing Fall 2023 to Winter 2024.

## **II. Action Items** **6:59 PM**

<b>A.</b>	Approve Minutes from December 2023 Board Meeting	Approve Minutes	Donna Smith	3 m
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<b>B.</b>	Approve November 2023 Financials	Vote	Joelle Fouse	10 m
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<b>C.</b> Approve December 2023 Financials	Vote	Joelle Fouse	5 m
<b>D.</b> Vote on Proposed Preschool Tuition Rates and Sliding Scale Updates for the 2024-25 School Year	FYI	David Blank	10 m
<b>E.</b> Approve Preliminary 2024-25 Budget	Vote	Joelle Fouse	20 m

A DRAFT of the 2024-25 budget is presented to the board. Preliminary approval is requested, in order for leadership to issue contracts to returning employees. The budget will continue to be refined in the coming months, with a final budget approval in June.

### **III. Information Items 7:47 PM**

<b>A.</b> CEO Report	FYI	Christie Huck	10 m
<b>B.</b> Board Chair Report	FYI	Donna Smith	10 m

- Board Succession Plan Update
- Governance "Vision of Excellence" work

### **IV. Final Items 8:07 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		

- January 2024 Finance Committee meeting minutes
- [Link to the City Garden School Calendar](#)

### **V. Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings 8:15 PM**

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

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

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

**Committee Meetings**

2/28/2024: Finance Committee at 12:00 pm

**VI. Closing Items**

<b>A.</b>	Adjourn Meeting	Vote
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