

City Garden Montessori School

Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 4, 2024 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		Sisouphanh (Sysco) Deuanepenh	2 m
B. Record Attendance and Guests		Debra Fox	1 m
C. Recess General Meeting to Convene Closed Session	Vote	Sisouphanh (Sysco) Deuanepenh	40 m
In accordance with RSMo Sunshine Law, 610.21.3 (Personnel) and 610.21.2 (Contracts), which require a roll call vote.			
D. Resume the General Meeting		Sisouphanh (Sysco) Deuanepenh	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			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We prioritize and value our relationships with one another. • We come to meetings prepared and stay present. • We use our meeting time responsibly to focus on what matters most. • We say what needs to be said, directly and with care. • We ask questions for clarity and transparency. • We slow down to ensure we're centering our mission and values. • We acknowledge that disagreement is inevitable, but commit to decisions as a team. • We follow through on our commitments to each other and to City Garden. 			
E.	Mission Statement	Sisouphanh (Sysco) Deuanephenh	1 m
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.			
F.	Introductions and Public Comment	Discuss Sisouphanh (Sysco) Deuanephenh	5 m
Each commenter will be given three minutes to speak.			
G.	Welcome new board member Ben Huebner	Sisouphanh (Sysco) Deuanephenh	2 m
II. Action Items			
6:54 PM			
A.	Approve Minutes from August 2024 Board Meeting	Approve Minutes Sisouphanh (Sysco) Deuanephenh	3 m
B.	Approve June 2024 Financials - Fiscal 2024 Year-End	Vote Joelle Fouse	5 m
C.	Approve July 2024 Financials	Vote Joelle Fouse	5 m

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D. Approve Contracts over \$10,000	Vote	Joelle Fouse	7 m
E. Approve New and Revised Policies for 2024-25	Vote	Donna Smith	10 m

CGMS's Governance Committee has integrated new policy requirements into the attached policies. The committee made the decision to shift our policies closer to the Missouri Charter Public Schools Association's (MCPSA's) model templates, while keeping the spirit of the CGMS-specific content. The committee brought a critical lens to this process to ensure that CGMS-specific content was not lost. However, the board's review will be helpful to ensure nothing was missed.

Additional notes regarding policies:

- There is more work to-come on the discipline policy this school year
- The flag and pledge policy is no longer required, so we have opted to remove this policy
- A strip search policy was newly required this year by the legislature--this is included in the policies below.

III. Information Items 7:24 PM

A. Whole Child Success Committee Update	FYI	Mia Howard	10 m
B. Governance Committee Update	FYI	Jesse Dixon	
C. Annual Goals Update and CEO Report	FYI	Christie Huck	15 m
D. Board Chair Report	FYI	Sisouphanh (Sysco) Deuanepenh	10 m

- All board members are asked to sign the Board Member Agreement for the 2024-25 school year.
- Please fill out the board member matrix by Friday, September 13, 2024.
- Board retreat scheduled for January 11, 2025.

IV. Final Items 7:59 PM

A. Questions and Comments	Discuss	Sisouphanh (Sysco) Deuanepenh	3 m
B. Reading Materials and Links	FYI		

- [Link to the 2024-25 City Garden School Calendar](#)

V.	Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings	8:02 PM
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| A. | Board and Committee Meetings | FYI |
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Board Meeting Schedule

The first Wednesday of each month through June 2025

Committee Meeting Schedule

Finance Committee - the fourth Wednesday of each month through June 2025

Governance Committee - August 30

Whole Child Success Committee - TBD

VI.	Closing Items
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| A. | Adjourn Meeting | Vote |
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