



# City Garden Montessori School

## Minutes

### 2023-24 Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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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](https://citygardenschool.org/board))

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#### Directors Present

D. Smith, J. Dixon (remote), J. Fouse, M. Howard, S. Deuanephenh

#### Directors Absent

J. Sharp, S. Haigler, S. Shelton-Dodge

#### Guests Present

A. Boyd (remote), C. Flynn, C. Huck, D. Blank, D. Fox, J. Achtenberg (remote), M. Flohr (remote), M. Marshall, P. Garrett

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#### I. Opening Items

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

D. Smith called a meeting of the board of directors of City Garden Montessori School to order on Wednesday Feb 7, 2024 at 6:04 PM.

**B. Record Attendance and Guests**

**C. Recess General Meeting to Convene Closed Session**

S. Deuanephenh made a motion to recess the general meeting and convene the closed session In accordance with RSMo Sunshine Law, 610.021.2 (Real Estate), and and 610.21.3 (Personnel), which requires a roll call vote.

M. Howard seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Deuanephenh	Aye
S. Shelton-Dodge	Absent
M. Howard	Aye
J. Fouse	Aye
S. Haigler	Absent
D. Smith	Aye
J. Sharp	Absent
J. Dixon	Aye

**D. Resume the General Meeting**

The General Meeting was convened at 6:59 pm.

**E. Mission Statement**

**F. Introductions and Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**G. Academic Report**

Pat Garrett and Amy Denother shared the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) data from Spring, 2023 and iReady assessment data comparing Fall 2023 to Winter 2024.

**The Takeaways for MAP (comparing 2018-19, and 2021-2023)**

- All schools scores saw a downturn in scores when comparing 2018 and 2019 to post-COVID years.
- CGMS has consistently higher scores than SLPS, MO Charter schools, and all schools in ELA and Science, and higher than SLPS and MO Charter schools in Math.

- CGMS' 2023 scores in all three topics were significantly lower for students new to the school compared with returning students.

### **The Takeaways for 2023-24 iReady (comparing Fall 2023 to January 2024)**

- Reading - Consistent improvement of 41% to 51% at or above grade level (MO at 43%), and a decrease from 31% to 21% at two or more grade levels below (MO at 24%).
- Math - Consistent improvement of 23% to 36% at or above grade level (MO at 33%), and a decrease from 36% to 28% at two or more grade levels below (MO at 21%).

## **II. Action Items**

### **A. Approve Minutes from December 2023 Board Meeting**

S. Deuanephenh made a motion to approve the minutes from 2023-24 Board Meeting on 12-06-23.

J. Fouse seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Approve November 2023 Financials**

It was decided to approve the November and December financials with one vote.

### **C. Approve December 2023 Financials**

S. Deuanephenh made a motion to approve the November 2023 and December 2023 financials.

M. Howard seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Vote on Proposed Preschool Tuition Rates and Sliding Scale Updates for the 2024-25 School Year**

J. Fouse made a motion to approve the 2024-25 Preschool tuition rates and update the income levels for the sliding scale calculation.

M. Howard seconded the motion.

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

### **E. Approve Preliminary 2024-25 Budget**

J. Fouse made a motion to approve the draft 2024-25 budget to allow leadership to issue employment contracts to returning staff.

S. Deuanephenh seconded the motion.

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

## **III. Information Items**

**A. CEO Report**

**B. Board Chair Report**

The review and discussion of the Board Retreat and the draft of the Board Working Agreements has been tabled until the March meeting.

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

M. Howard made a motion to adjourn the February 2024 board meeting.

S. Deuanephenh seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Fox