

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

DATE: June 22, 2016

TIME: 6:15-8:00 pm

LOCATION: Robbins Law Offices: 999 Peachtree Street NE Suite 1120 Atlanta, GA 30309
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Public Comment Policy

The Board encourages members of the public to offer comments and express opinions on both specific actions to be taken by the Board, as well as any other issue directly related to the operation of the School. In accordance with this policy, any individual may address the Board on agenda items during the public comment period as long as they meet any legal provisions governing participation at public meetings. Individuals may present either in-person or by telephone.

Board Attendees: Ryan Mahoney, Angela Lassetter, Dr. Christine Ries, Jemelleh Coes, Charlie Harper, Ben Brumfield, Erica Fener-Sitkoff ; Board Council: Alexa Ross
School Attendees: Matt Arkin, Veronica Clemons, Kristen Blanda, Maria Waters, Andre Hopewell

- **Meeting Called to Order at 6:15pm**
- **Review and Approve Previous Minutes:**
 - motion to approve by Angela Lassetter ; second by Ben Brumfield; minutes unanimously - approved*
- **Head of School Report** – report delivered by Matt Arkin, Head of School:
 - **Staff Announcements:**
 - Kristen Blanda, GCA Academic Administrator - exiting end of June
 - Staci Kimmons, New GCA Academic Administrator - entrance mid-July
 - Termerion McCrary-Lakes, GCA High School Administrator, exiting end of June
 - Erica Curry, New Special Education Director – entrance mid-July
- **Committee Reports** (Including Items for Information) -
 - **Governance** – report delivered by Angela Lassetter
 - Items for Information / Action Items:
 - Board moving forward in determining Mission & Vision Statements
 - Adoption of State Charter School Commission (SCSC) Performance Framework to be discussed
 - Milestones results expected late July
 - CCRPI 15-16 results - dates pending

- Financial policies under review
 - Attendees for National Charter School Conf - June 26-29, 2016 – Nashville, TN: Ryan Mahoney, Angela Lassetter, Matt Arkin, Veronica Clemons
 - Board Strategic Planning Session dates under review
 - **Finance** – report delivered by Angela Lassetter on behalf of Christy Thomas
 - Items for Information / Action Items:
 - Recommendation of committee to accept FY16 Budget
 - Mrs. Lassetter motioned for approval ; Unanimous budget approval
 - Governmental Accounting practices reviewed and discussed
 - **Communications** – report delivered by Charlie Harper
 - Items for Information / Action Items:
 - RFP to be addressed for Communications Point of Contact
 - Candidates will be placed before Board
 - **Academic Oversight** – report delivered by Jemelleh Coes
 - Items for Information / Action Items:
 - Guidelines reviewed for parent and teacher committee members
 - Value Added Presentation by Matt Arkin, Head of School
- **Board Development -**
 - **K12 Public Relations Support Presentation-** Michael Craft, K12
 - Project Elevate: Positive Earned Media Coverage | Teachers Getting Stories Out | Local Coverage | Social Media | Blogs
 - **SCSC Performance Framework & Value-Added Walkthrough**
 - **SCSC Performance Framework -**
 - Areas: Academic | Financial | Operations
 - School will address areas of growth opportunities with State Charter School Commission on June 29, 2016
 - **Value Added Model vs Student Growth Percentile (SGP) Observations**
 - **Other Board Discussions**
 - K12 Board Summit Report delivered by Ryan Mahoney & Erica Fener - Sitkoff
 - GCA was referenced as a Model School | Networking Opportunities | Overview of New Tools & Resources | Future Opportunities
 - Public Comment - no public comments delivered
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm – motion to adjourn meeting by Angela Lassetter ; second by Charlie Harper