

**GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS MEETING Minutes**

**DATE:** June 21, 2017

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**TIME:** 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

**LOCATION:** 999 Peachtree St. NE suite 1120, Atlanta, GA 30309  
Conference Call: 1 (888) 824-5783 Passcode: 55777021#  
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**Board Attendees:** Ryan Mahoney (Board Chair), Erica Fener-Sitkoff (Vice Board Chair), Angela Lassetter, Ben Brumfield, Charlie Harper

**Staff attendees:** Veronica Clemons (Interim Head of School), Keisha Simmons (Board Liaison), Staci Kimmons (District Academic Administrator) Andre Hopewell (Finance Manager), Aundrea Muth (High School Principal), Maria Waters (Elementary Principal), Erica Curry (Special Education Director), Michelda Watson (FAST Manager)

**Other Attendees:** Alexa Ross (Board Attorney), Mark Middleton (K12 Lobbyist), Karen Ghidotti (K12 Southern Region Vice President)

**Board Member Absences:** Christy Thomas, Jemelleh Coes, and Jeff Gates

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Summary of Actions:

	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Approval of Board Minutes as amended	Erica Fener-Sitkoff	Angela Lassetter	Unanimous approval
Adjourn at 7:29 pm	Charlie Harper	Angela Lassetter	Unanimous approval

**1. Board Meeting Call to order 6:16 pm**

## 2. Head of School Report

- Veronica Clemons (Interim Head of School) reported on the following items:

### HR Announcements:

- Scott Dorsey- Mgr., Special Programs, resigned (position will be restructured to School Accountability)
- Keisha Simmons- Board Liaison, resignation effective July 24, 2017 (job description updated to enhance role/responsibilities)
- Head of School- vacancy announcement posted
- Compliance
  - SCSC Presentation updates:
    - presentation to the SCSC to occur on 06/28/2017, final presentation and list of presenters was submitted on 06/21/2017
      - Ryan Mahoney (Board Chair), Angela Lassetter (Board Member), Veronica Clemons (Interim Head of School), and Andre Hopewell (School Finance Manager)
  - Board Governance Training- Due June 30, 2017
- EOG and EOC preliminary scores data review
- Summer Testing support and planning
  - Certified letters sent to all students scheduled to take the EOC during the July testing window
  - 1479 students enrolled in summer school, students have the option to attend 3 live sessions per day and summer school teachers reach out to students daily to encourage attendance to live session and completion of assignments
  - Deadline for students to notify school if they will be participating in testing is 06/23/2017
- Enrollment 17-18 SY
  - Enrollment is now open and will remain open through 9/27/2017, once final report from Ignite is available board may make further recommendation on enrollment window.
- SY18 Recommendations:
  - NWEA or STAR360- staff requested board to make a recommendation on which tool, NWEA or STAR360, will be used by GCA during the 17-18SY
    - Follow up Item related to STAR360- staff will provide board with one page overview of the STAR360 tool, information used by teachers to review software, what other schools in Georgia already use the tool, and copies of any studies related to the predictability of the tool.
  - Elementary Computer Package
    - GCA will roll out 1 to 1 computers in the Elementary school to any student that qualifies for F&RL. Computers will also be provided to students that make a computer request
    - 1 to 1 computer proposal equal to an additional 265,000K in funding cost

and 500 additional computers

- Hiring 17-18 SY: Proposal for additional staff
  - Staff proposed to hire 10 - 11 additional teachers, this increase in hiring will aim towards goal in reducing class size in the Middle School to 1 to 150 (recommended ratio by Advanced Ed)
  - Additional hiring of teachers equal to an additional 59,000K ea. in funding
- Board member announcements/reminders:
  - Cabinet team building event at Top Golf (Midtown location) 6/29/2017 at 1:30pm all board members are invited to attend
  - iNACOL conference occurring October 23-25, 2017 in Orlando Fla. Early bird is 7/13/2017. Angela Lassetter and Ben Brumfield (Board members are firm on attendance at this time ; other board member to confirm at later date)

### 3. Rotating Committee Reports- Academic Oversight

- Final report not available at this time, estimated date report will be presented to the board is 7/7/2017

Next Board Meeting- July 19, 2017

## AGENDA

Board and Staff Arrive 6:00pm

- Call to Order 6:15pm
- Review and Approve Minutes
- Head of School Report 6:20pm
- Rotating Committee Reports: Academic Oversight 6:30pm
  - Results of Ignite Academic Audit and next steps
- Other Board Discussion 7:00pm
- Confirm next Meeting Date/Time
- Adjourn 7:30pm

**\*To request board packet items please email Keisha Simmons at [ksimmons@k12.com](mailto:ksimmons@k12.com)**

### **June board packet items:**

Board Packet Documents for June:

- Copies of Honors Day and Graduation Day programs
- June Board Agenda
- May Board Minutes
- June Board Report
- Monthly Financial report
- Academic Dashboard
- Faculty and Student Advisory Council minutes

- Governance operational oversight dashboard
- Board request tracker
- Board calendar
- List of college acceptances for class of 2017