

**GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: June 19, 2019 | **TIME:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM; (begins at 6:10 PM)

**LOCATION: ROBBINS ROSS ALLOY BELINFANTE LITTLEFIELD LLC, 500 14th Street, NW,
Atlanta, GA 30318**

CONFERENCE CALL DIAL-IN #: 1.515.739.1469 | **ACCESS CODE:** 675050#

Blackboard: <http://tinyurl.com/GCA-Board-Room>

Attendees: Kenneth Tennyson Asher (Board Chair), Ben Brumfield, Andrew Lewis, Eric Cochling, Juliann McBrayer

Board Employees/Contractors: Angela Lassetter (HOS), Michael Kooi (Executive Director), Alexa Ross (General Counsel)

Staff Attendees: Melissa Komolafe (Admin), Julie Hawkins (Admin), Jennifer Mitchell (Admin), Maria Waters (ES Admin), Kristen Blanda (HS Admin), Maria Blencowe (Communications), Jennifer Harper (Admin), Amina Ross (Admin), Andre Hopewell (CFO)

Parents: Beth McCamy (phone)

Other: John Kramer (K12), Julie Overholt (K12), Jodie Marshall (K12)

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to approve the May Board meeting minutes	Andrew Lewis	Eric Cochling	Unanimous approved.
Motion to postpone vote on FY19/20 budget until July 17th	Andrew Lewis	Kenneth Tennyson	Unanimous approved.
Motion to move to executive session	Eric Cochling	Andrew Lewis	Unanimous approved.
Motion to adjourn Board meeting.	Andrew Lewis	Eric Cochling	Unanimous approved.

- I. Call to order by Vice-Chair Ben Brumfield
- II. Review and approval of May 21, 2019 meeting minutes
 - A. Motion to approve by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Eric Cochling, unanimously approved.
- III. Finance Committee Report- including 2019/2020 Budget Discussion- Andre Hopewell
 - A. Update on where GCA is financially towards end of FY18/19
 - i. Based on last month’s activity- still finalizing June closeout- June 30th last day of FY18/19- based on 11/1 projections \$8.3 – \$8.4 million deficit- previously projected due to lack of hold harmless funds- have mitigated some expenses- will have more up to date info after June- will

coincide with timing of initial list we have for audit- over next couple months will finalize- from now to September 30th when due to Commission

- B. FY20 updated budget
 - i. Need to go over some new budget assumptions not discussed at Friday's finance meeting- expenditures added for next year- additional \$12 million due to reallocation of funds
 - ii. Retention program approx. \$3.2 million
 - iii. Teacher/computer replacement approx. \$2 million
 - iv. Board legal expenses- arbitration- approx. \$700,000- board aware of current situation with ESP (Educated Service Provider)
 - v. FEV tutoring program approx. \$6.5 million- 13-week process- \$25/hr. per student- approx. 5,000 students- approx. 4 hrs. per week- FEV used in 2015 with positive results- FEV Tutor will be at NCSC in Vegas this July- encourage staff to ask vendors questions
 - vi. Additional support staff- summarized on p. 16
- C. FY19 comparison to last year's budget option 2
 - i. Last budget \$91 million- this year's forecast GCA is just over \$101 million for the year- new proposed budget approx. \$104 million- approx. \$3 million difference- surplus \$8.2 million- next year will be \$15.6 projected due to HOS initiatives
 - ii. Net K12 charges \$42.5 million to \$7.9 million
 - iii. Kenneth question- when will new proposed budget go up for vote- Mike answer, hopefully next month- there may be a couple of tweaks but will be discussed ahead of time- must have 2 meetings noticed- did notice last month's meeting- more appropriate to vote in July
 - iv. Alexa question- does K12 have final say on budget- Mike answer- no, GCA worked with K12 but they rejected it due to absence of curriculum-but GCA has followed contract regarding budget
 - v. Andre- K12 initiated budget process a few months ago with proposal, B1, that GCA worked around
 - vi. Mike- we also had various discussions with John, Jodi and Julie- every change made was sent to K12 for their consideration and feedback was given-GCA still open to have any discussions with K12 regarding budget
- D. Motion to postpone vote on FY19/20 budget until July 17th by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Kenneth Tennyson, unanimously approved.
- E. This is the 2nd introduction to the proposed GCA budget for 2019/2020 school year

IV. Head of School Report – Angela Lassetter

- A. Academic progress data behind tab 4
- B. SCSC Annual Performance Review
 - i. Finalized number of outstanding students haven't gotten scores for- still preliminary- do not have summer retest scores
 - ii. Successful programs, strategies and processes-
 - iii. live class attendance- increase year over year
 - iv. Milestones data- still exceeding target in all 3 grade bands
 - v. Finalized data- increase in all areas- problems in 3rd and 7th grade math and US History- adding AP social studies- will focus on all problem areas- expecting more increases next year
 - vi. Performance review next Wednesday- some board members will be present- GCA has kept the Commission very well informed- they are very supportive and pleased with GCA progress, programs that are working
- C. 2019/2020 School Initiatives
 - i. Additional staff, RTI, new curriculum, work-based learning, etc.
- D. Enrollment
 - i. Numbers as of June 16th – 200 spaces left in grades 3-12- expecting approx. 421 K-2- have space for 4121 in K-2

- ii. K12 has not done any marketing to date even though GCA pays for it. GCA doing own marketing- Google ads, etc. – looking at other companies to do marketing
 - iii. Ben- K12 should be handling marketing and PR- public needs to hear success stories of students- glad GCA is doing its own marketing
 - iv. Unfortunately, missed all education books- will make sure we won't miss them in the future
- E. Governance dashboard
- i. All board members have completed training
 - ii. Expecting 95/100 for governance and operational framework
- F. Grad rate projection
- i. Not expecting to meet target due to unknown codes- 5-year grad rate cohort- K12 may step in to help- have known since June but have not helped yet
 - ii. GED issue is state issue not federal
 - iii. Good news is grad rate is higher than before- approx. 90%- thank you Amina, HS, FSL's- approx. 700 graduates
- G. Academic data
- H. FAST report
- i. Tab 13- redesigned for easier read
 - ii. ARB totals- students helped so they wouldn't be withdrawn
- I. Counseling report
- V. Next Board of Directors Meeting
- A. July 17th
- VI. Public comments- Beth McCamy
- A. Happy with Milestones grades
 - B. Please continue to treat parents as partners
 - C. Offer to help with legislation on graduation rate
- VII. Motion to move to executive session to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims administrative proceedings or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer of employee or in which the officer of employee may be directly involved, Motion by Eric Cochling, seconded by Andrew Lewis, unanimously approved.
- VIII. ADJOURN
- A. Motion to adjourn by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Eric Cochling, unanimously approved.