

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

DATE: July 17, 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 #: 1.515.606.5371 | **ACCESS CODE:** 675050#

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

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

Absent: 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 Blencowe (Communications), Amina Ross (Admin), Andre Hopewell (CFO), Ahoba Arthur (Admin), Rosie Lowndes (Admin), Ingrid Bailey (Admin), Stacey Porter (Admin), Stacy Clendenen (Admin), Jessica Greear (Admin), Ginny Weaver (Admin)

Parents: Beth McCamy, Lisa Moseley

Other: John Kramer (K12), Mary Gutierrez (K12), Joy Branham (Emory law student/SCSC)

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to move to executive session	Andrew Lewis	Eric Cochling	Unanimous approved.
Motion to adjourn executive session	Eric Cochling	Ben Brumfield	Unanimous approved.
Motion to approve June 2019 board meeting minutes	Andrew Lewis	Eric Cochling	Unanimous approved.
Motion to vote on and approve FY19/20 budget	Andrew Lewis	Kenneth Tennyson Asher	Unanimous approved.
Motion to adjourn Board meeting.	Andrew Lewis	Kenneth Tennyson Asher	Unanimous approved.

I. Call to order

- II. 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 Andrew Lewis, seconded by Eric Cochling, unanimously approved.
 - A. Motion to adjourn executive session, Motion by Eric Cochling, seconded by Ben Brumfield, unanimously approved.

- III. Review and approval of June 19, 2019 meeting minutes
 - A. Motion to approve by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Eric Cochling, unanimously approved.

- IV. Finance Committee Report- including 2019/2020 Budget Discussion and vote- Andre Hopewell
 - A. For purposes of vote on FY 19/20 budget full finance packet will be discussed
 - i. Tab 14- Major input assumptions around enrollment, funding, staffing changes, etc.
 - ii. Enrollment-slight increase from total 9-month average- projections- last year 11,173-40 FTE count, this year at 11,213- SPED projected to be around 13%
 - B. Tab 15- issues with our QBE funding from last year
 - i. Latest allotment sheet 81.8 million average count date estimate- 10,699 students- decrease in
 - ii. Federal funding \$6.7 million from Title 1 approximately \$3.1 million- increase of 500k from 2019 due to increased Title I population
 - C. Staffing levels
 - i. GCA approx. 720 employees not including K12- benefits take approx. 45%
 - D. Teacher expenses increased due to increased staffing
 - i. Tuition reimbursement
 - ii. K12 charges- funds will be reallocated to SPED, RTI and counseling
 - E. P. 7 instruction
 - i. Family services- no K12 charges- instruction and materials reallocated to 3rd party vendors
 - F. Arbitration- will cause increase in legal expenses
 - i. K12 technology fees consistent with contract agreement- 12%
 - ii. Year over year
 - G. P. 10 Summary
 - i. Ending year 101 million- \$1.5 million increase-increase in student expenses due to separating from K12
 - H. P. 15 Opportunities
 - i. \$50,000 threshold/25% -risks are volume related charges- based on enrollment
 - ii. Annual commission fee reimbursement- approx. 2% per year- will likely reimburse 1%
 - iii. Current FTE approx. 10,699 students-may see \$7000 per student
 - iv. Vocational program funding – work-based learning, -more funding than general students
 - I. Delayed hiring
 - J. Ben question- P. 10- is it correct that increase is temporary and will go down over time? For the record, Ben feels the 2% increase is worth it to capture savings
 - i. Investing in teachers this year- will also receive 3% increase from Governor
 - K. P. 16 incremental investments
 - L. Motion to vote on and approve FY19/20 budget by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Kenneth Tennyson Asher, unanimously approved.

- V. Head of School Report – Angela Lassetter
 - A. Mike compliments Angela on job she did before commission
 - i. Kenneth looking forward to FY20 school year
 - ii. Angela thanks team for help and support
 - B. Academic performance data

- i. No change- should get results within 5-10 days
 - C. Enrollment
 - i. Right now, at 11,001- some students will be withdrawn if forms not received within 1st 90 days of school- state law
 - D. HR report
 - i. Hiring SPED- should be complete by August 15th
 - ii. PD scheduled- full week of training
 - E. SCSC Monitoring visit Sept 4th
 - F. 1st day of school August 5th
 - G. Professional qualifications policy
 - i. Will vote on in August
 - ii. GA virtual charter schools do not have to have only GA certified teachers
 - iii. Would like signed before charter commission visit- in process of submitting documents
- VI. Next Board of Directors Meeting
 - A. August 25th
 - i. Andrew not available
 - ii. August 28th tentatively will check with Julianne
- VII. Public comments- Parent Beth McCamy, Parent Lisa Moseley
 - A. Beth McCamy offers to be partner, help with political issues, will continue to support GCA
 - B. Lisa Moseley region 2 lead will continue to support school
- VIII. ADJOURN
 - A. Motion to adjourn by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Kenneth Tennyson Asher, unanimously approved.