

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: January 15, 2020 | **TIME:** 6:10 PM – 7:30 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#

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://georgiacyber.zoom.us/j/378649028>

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

Absent:

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

Staff Attendees: Melissa Komolafe, Jennifer Mitchell, Amanda Shelley, Janniche Christensen, Erin Morgan, Maria Blencowe, Christen Martin, Anise Cromer-Reed, Rebekah Claar, Anne Cannestra, Stacey Porter, Shannon Veselsky, Jessica Greear, Sherene Mueller, Rachel Robertson, Kari Ross, Kimberly Aumsbaugh, Ashley Davidson, Rosie Lowndes, Sara Gordon, Michelle Gilyard, Shana Sheats, Jamie McCormick, Marlaina Harper, Pamela Freed, Jill Arthur, Kristen Blanda, Shanerron Knox, Tammy Fessler, Elizabeth Booher, Lucretia Nolan, Erin Clark, Michelle Davis, Scott Anderson, Michelle Fuchs, Ginny Weaver, Jessica Beaverson, Elizabeth Rose, Michelda Watson, Ayanna Anderson, Heidi Heidenescher, Gabriela Lopez, Jessica Smith, Brandi Eley, Alexandria Stephens, Katherine Stewart, Tasha Criswell, Cheyne Hardin, Amanda Seebode, Nicole Owens, GCA Enrollment, Aleksandra Berry, Evelyn Matias, Gentry Lowe, Heidi Brady, Jennifer Tuck, Karen Miller, Katie Harrison, Kelly Wood, Lisa Bennett, Maria Waters, Patti Martin, Rachel Pereira, Susan Hammonds, Susan Robertsonlis, Whitney Harper, Whitney Moody

Parents: Due to the large number of parents that dialed in to the meeting we are unable to document all names

Other: Charlie Harper, C Harper Media

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to approve December 11, 2019 board meeting minutes	Andrew Lewis	Eric Cochling	Unanimous approved.
Motion to move to executive session	Ben Brumfield	Andrew Lewis	Unanimous approved.
Motion to adjourn Board meeting	Andrew Lewis	Ben Brumfield	Unanimous approved

- I. Call to order- Kenneth Tennyson Asher at 6:10pm
- II. Review and approval of December 11, 2019 meeting minutes
 - A. Motion to approve by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Eric Cochling, unanimously approved.
- III. Finance Committee Report- Andre Hopewell
 - A. Monthly financials and budget update
 - i. Updated funding amounts - Estimated hold harmless amount-9211 count date enrollment-approx. About 1500 less than allotment sheets 10699- \$7200/student-total funding \$82.5 million- \$6 million less than FY20 prediction
 - ii. Federal funding still consistent
 - iii. total expenses have dropped to approx. \$85 million-last estimate was \$100 million-should have 0 balance by end of year.
 - iv. Alexa question- how is there a deficit projection if we have surplus- Andre- there are items that we have budgeted for that we are not going to be able to do. Things like tutoring and bonuses. Curriculum changes have saved the school millions of dollars.
 - B. Prior forecast/current forecast
 - i. Total expenditures \$5.9 million under projected budget
 - C. Balance sheets
 - i. Increasing cash flow by pushing out spending to 2nd semester
 - D. Rankings and scores received from commission
 - i. Passing 85-last year 75
 - ii. Working with Terrance to get all KPI's
 - E. 5-year projections for spending included per board's request
 - i. Includes enrollment and funding projections
- IV. Head of School Report – Angela Lassetter
 - A. Governance Dashboard
 - i. 95 points- will be resolved after Feb training
 - ii. Board training February 4-5
 - B. Mid-year enrollment
 - i. Currently at 8297
 - ii. 463 applications in Lotterease-115 starting next Monday in grades K-2 only
 - iii. Kenneth question- will teachers spend more time with new students while they adjust to virtual environment- Angela- working on new on-boarding training tools for new students- will continue to update and have final number for midyear enrollment at end of month
 - C. SCSC Renewal Application/interview update
 - i. Interview- Jan 29th, 3:20pm- Angela asking all board members to be there if possible
 - ii. 2019 charter commission's annual report has been published
 - iii. On time for all DOE submissions
 - iv. Commission's final vote on renewal will be Feb 26th
 - D. Upcoming conferences
 - i. Kenneth question- any recommendations which conferences to attend- Angela- ISTE & NCSC
 - E. Monitoring visit letter/results
 - i. Recommendations only- no findings
 - ii. How names are published in graduation booklet- fixed

- iii. Diabetes policy-guidance given- 2 staff trained- other staff lower level of training- 1 staff person will be present at each testing site
- iv. Boy Scout policy- added
- v. Nepotism policy- already in policy
- vi. Angela thankful to commission for help- also working with accreditation company to stay compliant
- vii. Andrew comment- CCRPI chart encouraging- virtual charters scored higher than all state charter non-virtual schools
- viii. Working with Cobb county for help with coding
- ix. Kenneth- appreciates different approach GCA has taken
- x. Andre- collaborating with DOE for family engagement

V. Next Board of Directors Meeting

- A. February 19th, 2020

VI. Public comments

- A. None

VII. Executive Session

- A. 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 Ben Brumfield, seconded by Andrew Lewis, unanimously approved.

VIII. ADJOURN

- A. Motion to adjourn by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Ben Brumfield, unanimously approved.