

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: March 18, 2020 | **TIME:** 4:00 PM – 5:00 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/350734530>

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),

Staff Attendees: Melissa Komolafe

Parents: none

Other: none

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to amend agenda, 2 items added	Ben Brumfield	Andrew Lewis	Unanimous approved.
Motion to approve February 2020 board meeting minutes	Eric Cochling	Ben Brumfield	Unanimous approved.
Motion as amended to waive enrollment policy for purpose of opening grades K-9 & up to GCA’s ability to accommodate within resources and student ratio with agreement from SCSC	Andrew Lewis	Eric Cochling	Unanimous approved.
Motion to move to executive session	Andrew Lewis	Eric Cochling	Unanimous approved.
Motion to adjourn Board meeting	Ben Brumfield	Andrew Lewis	Unanimous approved.

- I. Call to order- Kenneth Tennyson Asher at 4:08pm

- A. Welcome
 - i. Last minute board meeting
 - ii. Motion to amend agenda to add discussion of purchase of student computers and opening of enrollment in the current year. Motion to approve by Ben Brumfield, seconded by Andrew Lewis, unanimously approved.

- II. Review and approval of February 2020 meeting minutes
 - A. Motion to approve by Eric Cochling, seconded by Ben Brumfield, unanimously approved.

- III. Student Computer Discussion- Angela Lassetter
 - i. In light of current emergency situation need ability to move quickly on computer purchases
 - ii. Concern with shipping, timing and parts - 6-8 week lead time – don't want to risk shortage of computers for our students
 - iii. discussed with Andre- have enough in budget to order now- board please consider allowing
 - iv. Kenneth- have discussed with Andre and Angela cost of ownership - thank you Angela for thinking about potential impact- thinks prudent to move forward- board members please comment or ask questions- no vote needed
 - v. Ben- working with researchers on global pandemic and supply chain- could be very hard to get supplies in future- thinks very wise decision
 - vi. Eric agreed that it's a good decision and asked about budget impact
 - vii. Andre indicated that this is within our budget and that we were thinking we need to move quickly on chromebooks already based on problems last year
 - viii. Kenneth question- what is enrollment projection for next year- Angela- 10.5 – 11.5 thousand or more due to situation
 - ix. Kenneth- what is current situation with computers- Angela- trying to recover computers from students no longer with GCA- ordered 10k
 - x. Kenneth- any board members want to see summary or ok with verbal explanation- Eric- fine with verbal- Ben also- Juliann ok- Kenneth ok to move forward with new computers

- IV. Emergency Enrollment- Angela Lassetter
 - i. Angela stated that we are done with midyear enrollment, but with the current coronavirus situation we are getting some requests and want to ask board to open enrollment for families that don't have school option right now
 - ii. 7700 students enrolled currently- so we have capacity within our student to teacher ratio policy and there would not be a budget impact.
 - iii. Board must decide if want to open enrollment through end of year- will not impact scores because not full academic year- no CCRPI scores this year
 - iv. we are already in emergency situation- FTE count has already passed so won't look like school seeking more funds
 - v. Kenneth question- any enrollment requests due to situation- Angela- getting more enrollment requests but may not be due to situation- don't have definitive answer
 - vi. Mike- can we still put caps- Angela- if board agrees can enroll K-9 up to point we hit student teacher ratio or exhaust resources
 - vii. Kenneth- beginning of year projected approx. 10k- have bandwidth – board should consider allowing – Eric agrees- Andrew agrees- Juliann agrees- Ben agrees

- viii. Kenneth- will look to Angela's leadership and staff- what do you need from board- Angela-board must vote to reopen enrollment and structure wording in HOS recommendation
 - ix. Mike- suggest motion to waive enrollment policy for purpose of opening for grades K-9 and up to school's ability to accommodate with resources, student ratio and with agreement from SCSC
 - x. Angela- Mike and I will follow-up with SCSC
 - xi. Motion as amended to waive enrollment policy for purpose of opening grades K-9 & up to GCA's ability to accommodate with resources and student ratio with agreement from SCSC. Motion to approve by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Eric Cochling, unanimously approved.
- V. 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 Ben Brumfield, unanimously approved.
- VI. ADJOURN
- A. Motion to adjourn by Ben Brumfield, seconded by Andrew Lewis, unanimously approved.