

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

**DATE:** August 19, 2020 | **TIME:** 5:30 PM

**LOCATION:** <https://georgiacyber.zoom.us/j/99876630293>

OR

Dial in: <tel:+16465588656> (Meeting ID: 99876630293)

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**Board Attendees:** Kenneth Asher (Board Chair), Eric Cochling, Andrew Lewis, Juliann McBrayer, Dr. Karen Terry

**Absent:** Ben Brumfield

**Board Employees:** Angela Lassetter (HOS), Michael Kooi (Executive Director), Andre Hopewell (CFO)

**Staff Attendees:** Melissa Komolafe, Michelda Watson, Ahoba Arthur, Maria Waters, Ingrid Bailey, Lucretia Nolan, Jennifer Mitchell, Rosie Lowndes, Aaron Carr, Cathy Harper, Ginny Weaver, Kristen Blanda, Amina Ross, Ashley Bressler, Ashley Ledford, Jennifer Harper, Jessica Greear, Jessica Teague, Joy Peterson, Kristen Rosenquist, Nailah Obijiofor, Janet Wheeler, Melissa Filiatreau, Michelle Gilyard, Misty Kerr, Nicole Matthews, Kristy Howard, LaQuitta Yusuf, Deirdre Daniels, Gail Robertson, Gentry Lowe, Heidi Hickman, Katherine Harris, Nicole Lens

**Due to the large number of staff and parents present at the meeting we are unable to document all names**

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:**

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to approve July 2020 meeting minutes	Andrew Lewis	Juliann McBrayer	Unanimous approved.
Motion to amend agenda to discuss approval of new board member, Dr. Johnson	Eric Cochling	Andrew Lewis	Unanimous approved
Motion to approve Dr. Johnson as new board member	Eric Cochling	Karen Terry	Unanimous approved
Motion to move to executive session	Eric Cochling	Karen Terry	Unanimous approved.
Motion to adjourn Board meeting	Eric Cochling	Andrew Lewis	Unanimous approved

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- I. Call to order 5:39 p.m.- Kenneth Asher
  - A. Welcome
  - B. Amendment to agenda
    - i. Motion to amend agenda to discuss approval of new board member, Dr. Amos Johnson- Motion to approve by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Eric Cochling, unanimously approved.

- C. Welcome Dr. Karen Terry- professor - Valdosta State
- II. Review and approval of July 2020 meeting minutes
  - A. Motion to approve by Andrew Lewis, seconded by Juliann McBrayer, unanimously approved.
- III. Finance Committee Report- Andre Hopewell
  - A. EOY summary
    - i. total funding \$87.9 million- state funding \$82.2 million- federal funding \$5.6 million- \$1 million decrease from initial budget
    - ii. total expenditures over \$77 million- below initial budget- ended year in surplus- 1<sup>st</sup> time ever in GCA history- money saved went to K12 settlement
  - B. YTD Actuals
    - i. Total expenditures \$9.1 million less than projected- net surplus \$10.7 million
  - C. Framework scores with commission average 75- projecting score of 90-FY21
  - D. YTD Actuals
  - E. Balance Sheet
    - i. Audit- P&L- current cash- total equity- still in black
  - F. Commission Framework Scores
- IV. Governance Committee Report- Eric Cochling
  - A. Discussed addition of great candidate, Dr. Amos Johnson
  - B. Discussed legislation passed that will affect GCA- Mike & staff are making sure GCA in compliance
  - C. Kenneth presented Dr. Amos for appointment to the board
    - i. Motion to approve Dr. Johnson as new board member- Motion by Eric Cochling, seconded by Dr. Karen Terry, unanimously approved.
- V. Head of School Report- Angela Lassetter
  - A. Governance dashboard provided
  - B. Grad rate discussed
  - C. Enrollment update
    - i. Project to be between 12k – 13k
    - ii. Over 3600 students on wait list- new students start every Monday- MKV & siblings will enroll into October
  - D. Legislative bills discussed in governance-
    - i. HB86- GCA will be working on complaint policy
    - ii. HB855- GCA will do screenings for foster children
    - iii. SB431- grad rate calculation requirement- GCA will provide both numbers next month
    - iv. SB367 signed- reduced number of state tests for students- 4 tests eliminated- if no EOC test GCA will provide final exam- will count 20%
  - E. School pandemic plan submitted on time
  - F. GMAP consortium pilot program- will determine if can replace Milestones- NWEA consortium pilot program
  - G. Discussed employee handbook
  - H. Discussed Marketing plan
- VI. Next Board of Directors Meeting
  - A. September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - B. September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 board training
- VII. Public Comment

- A. Mike- reminder public comment is for comments not questions- not townhall meeting- please keep to approx. 3 minutes or less
  - i. Katherine Harris- kindergarten teacher with GCA since 2007- commented on class sizes
  - ii. Kameka Banks- parent of GCA student- commented about student schedule
  - iii. Justin May- parent of GCA student- commented on Jigsaw issues
  - iv. Teagan Shepard- parent of GCA student- commented on scheduling
  - v. Nicole Owens- 5<sup>th</sup> grade GCA teacher- concerns about not being able to communicate with leadership

VIII. Executive Session

- A. To discuss personnel issues and 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 or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved, Motion by Eric Cochling, seconded by Dr. Karen Terry, unanimously approved.

IX. ADJOURN

- A. Motion to adjourn by Eric Cochling, seconded by Andrew Lewis, unanimously approved