

# GRANADA HILLS CHARTER

Governing Board Meeting

Monday, August 26, 2024 - 4:00 PM

Granada Hills Charter High School Library  
10535 Zelzah Ave, Granada Hills, CA 91344

## Minutes

### In Attendance:

Brian Bauer, CEO/Superintendent (non-voting)  
Jody Dunlap, At Large Member (Chair)  
Sandra Bingham, At Large Member

Luis Cervantes, At Large Member  
Joan Lewis, At Large Member  
Richard Nolan, At Large Member  
Maribel Ramirez, At Large Member

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Jody Dunlap and roll call was taken by David Bensinger. Jody Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no public comment.

### TK-12 Accountability Updates

Jenny DaCosta, Chief Academic Officer, presented the 2024 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) test results showing the School's performance by grade level and student cohort since 2022. Although GHC continues to significantly outperform comparable schools, LAUSD, and California, there are some distinct differences across certain grades and student subgroups at GHC. The State has not released student performance data on the subject matter claims; these will be presented to the Board once additional data is released later in the fall semester.

Dr. DaCosta also presented the Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) test results from the 2023-2024 school year. GHC continues to offer 33 different AP courses, with over 2,400 students enrolled in at least one AP class, and 75 percent of students earning at least one qualifying score on an AP exam (scoring a 3, 4, or 5 out of 5). In the 2023-2024 school year, GHC administered 4,860 AP exams, a significant increase over the 3,935 AP exams completed in the prior year. In the IB program, 151 students completed 508 IB exams, with 91 percent of these students earning at least one qualifying score. Many colleges and universities accept qualifying AP and IB scores for college course placement or credit.

### Action Item #1 - Approval of June 2024 Financial Report

Tammy Stanton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Year-to-Date Financial report as of June 30, 2024 which summarizes the revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balance, a balance sheet account summary, and an updated cash flow actuals through June 30, 2024. Ms. Stanton informed the board that the debt service coverage ratio is 2.61 percent and GHC has 128 Consolidated Days Cash on Hand. GHC contributed three (3) percent of the unaudited 2023-2024 annual expenses or \$2.7M to the Deferred Maintenance account, for the ongoing and major maintenance,

repair and replacement of GHC facilities. As of June 30, 2024, 100 percent of the COVID relief funding has been expensed. The financial report also included the following:

- Period Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
- Balance Sheet (consolidated by all funds)
- Cash Flow Projection
- Consolidated income statement

**Sandra Bingham made a motion to approve. Luis Cervantes seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Richard Nolan	Yes		Jody Dunlap	Yes		Maribel Ramirez	Yes
Joan Lewis	Yes		Luis Cervantes	Yes		Sandra Bingham	Yes

**Action Item #2 - Approval of 2023-2024 Charter School Unaudited Actuals SACS Form 62**

Ms. Stanton presented the Granada Hills Charter (GHC) Unaudited Actuals Financial Report as of June 30, 2024, summarizing the 2023-24 fiscal year. California Education Code Section 47604.33 requires charter schools to prepare a final unaudited report for the prior year on or before September 15 annually. GHC staff has provided the SACS forms and additional financial data, as requested, to the chartering authority, Los Angeles Unified School District, by its required deadline of August 15, 2024.

**Joan Lewis made a motion to approve. Richard Nolan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Richard Nolan	Yes		Jody Dunlap	Yes		Maribel Ramirez	Yes
Joan Lewis	Yes		Luis Cervantes	Yes		Sandra Bingham	Yes

**Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent’s Report** *(Brian Bauer, Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent)*

**Local and State Updates**

Mr. Bauer informed the Board that the Los Angeles Unified School District Board voted on and approved the proposal to place \$9 billion in facilities bonds on the November 9 ballot. Approximately \$300 million of the bond funds would be designated for charter school facilities. Charter school advocates are continuing to lobby for the allocation of a fair proportion of the bond funds and are expecting high voter turnout for the November election.

**TK-12 Program Updates**

Both the TK-8 and 9-12 programs are fully enrolled and fully staffed for the start of the school year. Enrollment in the high school iGranada Independent Study program has increased since the start of the school year.

Construction on the Devonshire campus continues to be on schedule with the installation of interim housing and demolition of the existing “E” building in November, with an estimated completion in August 2025. The Department of Transportation (DOT) does not provide crossing guards to the School, so GHC is training staff members to assist with pedestrian traffic during arrival and dismissal.

The construction bond closed as scheduled on August 29, with the terms and sale of bonds exceeding expectations. Multiple institutional investors are among the initial investors, a testament to the confidence in both the School’s educational program and fiscal stability.

**Action Item #3 - Approval of updates to Classified Employee Salary Schedule**

The Board approved the following updates to the Classified Employee Salary Schedule: the return and addition of an Athletic Trainer, the addition of a Visual and Performing Arts Production Assistant, and the addition of the After Hours Activities (AHA) Program Lead and an update to the classified management salary schedule to show a minimum monthly salary that aligns with the California minimum monthly salary for exempt employees.

**Joan Lewis made a motion to approve. Sandra Bingham seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Richard Nolan	Yes		Jody Dunlap	Yes		Maribel Ramirez	Yes
Joan Lewis	Yes		Luis Cervantes	Yes		Sandra Bingham	Yes

**Action Item #4 - Approval of August 5, 2024 Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

**Sandra Bingham made a motion to approve. Richard Nolan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Richard Nolan	Yes		Jody Dunlap	Yes		Maribel Ramirez	Yes
Joan Lewis	Yes		Luis Cervantes	Yes		Sandra Bingham	Yes

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:52 p.m. to discuss:

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
  - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): one case
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
  - Name of case: Iris Arnold, et al v. Brian Bauer, et al, Case No. 22STCV01783

- Name of case: S.Q., et al v. Granada Hills Charter, Case No. 23STCV12226

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting returned to open session at 5:22 p.m. No action was taken by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Approved by the GHC Governing Board October 14, 2024

*David Bensinger* \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary