

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DATE: May 21, 2025 | TIME: 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

Board Attendees: Kenneth Asher, Mark Peevy, John Brooks, Dr. Brittny James, Dr. Adria Welcher, Dr. Juliann McBrayer

Board Employees: Mike Kooi (Superintendent), Andre Hopewell (CFO), Ahoba Arthur (CAO)

Absent: Alisha Birthá

Staff: Keira Hopkins, Executive Assistant, Jennifer Mitchell, Operations & Compliance Director, Gail Robertson, District Talent & Performance Coordinator

- I. Call to order
- II. Review and approval of April 2025 board meeting minutes
- III. Academic Oversight Committee Report – including approval of SY 2025-26 school calendar and Curriculum plans
- IV. Governance Committee Report
- V. Finance Committee Report – including approval of GA Fund one investment and new ERP system
- VI. Review and discussion of FY2025-26 budget
- VII. Superintendent’s report – Mike Kooi – GCA Superintendent

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. Next Board of Directors Meeting

X. Executive Session

ADJOURN

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to adopt April 2025 regular board meeting minutes	John Brooks	Mark Peevy	Unanimous approval
Motion to approve proposed SY 25-26 school calendar	Dr. Brittney James	Mark Peevy	Unanimous approval
Motion to approve curriculum program changes	John Brooks	Dr. Juli McBrayer	Unanimous approval
Motion to approve the purchase and implementation of SmartFusion	John Brooks	Dr. Brittney James	Unanimous approval
Motion to approve principal balance increase of GA Fund 1	John Brooks	Dr. Juli McBrayer	Unanimous approval
Motion to enter into Executive Session	John Brooks	Dr. Brittney James	Unanimous approval
Motion to Adjourn	Dr. Adria Welcher	John Brooks	Unanimous approval

I. Call to order – Kenneth Asher

After determining the presence of a quorum, Kenneth Asher called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

II. Review and approval of April 2025 board meeting minutes

- Motion to approve April 22, 2025 minutes – 1st – John Brooks – 2nd Mark Peevy – Unanimous approval

III. Academic Committee Oversight – Kenneth Asher & Dr. Ahoba Arthur

Kenneth provided a summary of the meeting which included the academic leadership team highlights of their comprehensive review process, stakeholder engagement, and program adjustments. The community partnership presentation and SY 25-26 school calendar.

- Motion to approve proposed SY25-26 school calendar – 1st – Dr. Brittny James – 2nd Mark Peevy – Unanimous approval
- Motion to approve curriculum program changes – 1st – John Brooks – 2nd Dr. Juli McBrayer – Unanimous approval

IV. Governance Committee Report – Kenneth Asher & Gail Robertson

Gail provided updates on the strategic plan, focusing on engagement, communication, and workforce investment.

V. Monthly Financial Report – John Brooks & Andre

John reviewed the committee discussing the implementation of Smart Fusion as GCA's new financial system, with a projected timeline of 6 weeks for initial integration and 2 months for historical data migration and increasing the Georgia Fund One investment principal balance from \$5 million to \$10 million, with a proviso that no executions or drawdowns can occur until the associated policies are approved.

- Motion to approve the purchase and implementation of SmartFusion – 1st – John Brooks – 2nd Dr. Brittny James – Unanimous approval
- Motion to approve principal balance increase of GA Fund 1 – 1st – John Brooks – 2nd Dr. Juli McBrayer

VI. Review and discussion of FY2025-26 budget – Andre Hopewell

Andre presented the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, highlighting key points such as enrollment projections, funding increases, and staffing changes. He explained that while overall enrollment is expected to be flat, there will be a slight increase in funding due to a higher per-pupil rate and additional funding for special education. The budget includes plans to hire new staff members and increase salaries, resulting in a total cost increase of about 9 million dollars, but also noted potential revenue increases from QBE funding

VII. Head of School/Superintendent Report – Mike Kooi

Jennifer reported that enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is tracking slightly ahead of last year

Mike provided an update on operations, noting that Georgia Milestones testing has been completed with improved participation rates, and he highlighted the success of recent graduation ceremonies

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

IX. Next Board of Directors Meeting

Scheduled next board meeting for June 18, 2025

X. Executive Session

- Motion to enter into executive session to discuss or deliberate the appointment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee 1st – John Brooks– 2nd – Dr. Brittany James

ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn 1st – Dr. Adria Welcher – 2nd – John Brooks

Meeting adjourned without objection at 9:03 pm