

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

DATE: June 18, 2025 | TIME: 12:00 PM

Location:

**Georgia Cyber Academy
1745 Phoenix Blvd.
Suite 500
Atlanta, GA 30349**

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AGENDA

Board Attendees: Kenneth Asher, Mark Peevy, John Brooks, Alisha Birthá

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

Absent: Dr. Adria Welcher, Dr. Juliann McBrayer, Dr. Brittny James

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 May 2025 board meeting minutes

III. Governance Committee Report

IV. Finance Committee Report – including recommendation for board approval of revised Fiscal Policies and Procedures

V. Review and discussion of FY2025-26 budget

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. Final approval of FY2025-26 budget

VIII. Superintendent's report – Mike Kooi – GCA Superintendent

IX. SY2025-2026 Board meeting schedule

X. Next Board of Directors Meeting

XI. Executive Session

ADJOURN

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to adopt May 2025 regular board meeting minutes	Mark Peevy	John Brooks	Unanimous approval
Motion to amend the fiscal policies to include investment account and thresholds	Mark Peevy	Alisha Birthá	Unanimous approval
Motion to approve and adopt the FY2025-26 budget as presented	Alisha Birthá	Mark Peevy	Unanimous approval
Motion to enter into Executive Session	Mark Peevy	John Brooks	Unanimous approval
Motion to Adjourn	Mark Peevy	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 12:10 pm

II. Review and approval of May 2025 board meeting minutes

- Motion to approve May 21, 2025 minutes – 1st – Mark Peevy – 2nd– John Brooks
Unanimous approval

III. Governance Committee Report – Kenneth Asher & Gail Robertson

Kenneth provided a meeting summary and the end-of-year strategic plan update was presented by Gail, who reported that the organization is on track to meet its goals within the five-year timeframe. Gail also mentioned that planning for the upcoming school year is underway.

IV. Finance Committee Report – including recommendation for board approval of revised Fiscal Policies and Procedures – John Brooks & Andre

Andre reviewed the committee discussing amendments to the fiscal policy, including new investment account governance for Georgia Fund One and revised procurement thresholds. Andre explained the three-tiered purchase threshold system and recommendation to approve amended policies.

- Motion to amend the fiscal policies to include investment account and thresholds–
1st – Mark Peevy – 2nd Alisha Birthá – Unanimous approval

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

Andre presented the budget and enrollment projections for the upcoming year. Expecting a projected increase in funding to \$115 million, up from \$107 million this year. The budget includes plans to hire 29 new staff members and increase salaries by an average of 3.3%, with a projected net surplus of \$463,000. The budget review also focused on reviewing vendor expenditures across various budget categories, including instructional services, personnel costs, and related services for students with disabilities.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comments

VII. Final approval of FY2025-26 budget

- Motion to approve and adopt the FY2025-26 budget as presented – 1st Alisha Birthá –
2nd Mark Peevy

VIII. Head of School/Superintendent Report – Mike Kooi

Jennifer reported enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year

Mike provided an update on the operations dashboard, which is now green across the board following training completion. Upcoming events include a back-to-school professional development session in Athens on July 21st, the first day of school on August 4th, and the National Charter School Conference in Orlando.

IX. Next Board of Directors Meeting
Scheduled next board meeting for August 20, 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 – Mark Peevy– 2nd – John Brooks

ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn 1st – Mark Peevy – 2nd – John Brooks

Meeting adjourned without objection at 1:17 pm