

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DATE: August 20, 2025 | TIME: 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

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

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

Absent: Alisha Birtha

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 June 2025 board meeting minutes
- III. Academic Oversight Committee Report
- IV. Governance Committee Report
- V. Finance Committee Report
- VI. Superintendent's report – Mike Kooi – GCA Superintendent
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. Next Board of Directors Meeting
- IX. Executive Session

ADJOURN

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to adopt June 2025 regular board & budget meeting minutes	John Brooks	Dr. Brittney James	Unanimous approval
Motion to enter into Executive Session	John Brooks	Mark Peevy	Unanimous approval
Motion to Adjourn	John Brooks	Dr. Brittney James	Unanimous approval

I. Call to order – Kenneth Asher

After determining the presence of a quorum, Kenneth Asher called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

II. Review and approval of June 2025 board meeting minutes

- Motion to approve June 18, 2025 minutes – 1st – John Brooks – 2nd – Dr. Brittney James - Unanimous approval

III. Academic Oversight Committee Report - Dr. Juliann McBrayer & Dr. Ahoba Arthur

The Academic Oversight Committee, led by Dr. Julie McBayer, reviewed academic performance data from 2024-25, with Dr. Arthur presented trends from 2021-2025 and highlighting strategies for school improvement. The committee discussed continuous improvement initiatives across grade bands, focusing on three pillars: student success and support, effective communication, and investment in people. Dr. Arthur shared that the data review included comparisons with state performance, student reading levels, and growth percentile measures, while also examining historical trends and departmental contributions to student outcomes.

IV. Governance Committee Report – Kenneth Asher & Gail Robertson

The Governance Committee reviewed upcoming board training dates for November and February, discussed GCA bylaws, and addressed board policy adoption including new acceptable use, social media, and cyberbullying policies.

V. Finance Committee Report – John Brooks & Andre Hopewell

The finance committee reviewed the organization's financial performance, noting a year-over-year increase in total funding to \$124.5 million. Andre reported that federal budget approvals were finalized, awaiting DOE sign-off for drawdowns, with projected expenses

matching revenue at \$124 million and an expected year-end surplus. The financial dashboard showed positive cash flow with QBE revenue on track, while federal reimbursements were pending approval, and the Georgia Fund 1 account was increased by \$5 million with an expected yield increase of \$38,000 monthly.

VI. Head of School/Superintendent Report – Mike Kooi

Jennifer reported we are on target to reach 10,000 students and Mike noting growth in the secondary grade band. Mike provided updates on operations, including the delayed compliance process due to a new contract with the National Charter School Institute, and announced upcoming governance training sessions in November and February. Mike also reviewed several upcoming conferences and events, including a visit to Georgia Cyber Academy's offices on September 11th, .

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

VIII. Next Board of Directors Meeting

Scheduled next board meeting for September 17, 2025

IX. 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 – Mark Peevy

ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn 1st – John Brooks – 2nd – Dr. Brittny James

Meeting adjourned without objection at 6:55 pm