

Meeting Minutes: Booker T. Washington High School GO Team

Date: December 10, 2025

Time: Scheduled for 5:30 PM; Called to order at 5:39 PM

Location: Virtual/In-Person (YouTube Livestream Provided)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Principal Tiauna Crooms at 5:39 PM.

II. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISH QUORUM

Members Present:

- Tiauna Crooms, Principal
- Nicole Riggins, Parent Seat
- Sharifa Jackson, Parent Seat
- Liza Newberry, Instructor Seat
- Sean Stallings, Instructor Seat
- Lolita Washington, Community Member Seat
- Lasandra Arnold, Swing Seat
- Bell Williams, Student Seat
- Joseph Rosser, Student Seat

Members Absent:

- Marsha Williams, Instructor Seat
- Tameka Askew, Community Member Seat (Westside Future Fund)
- Deric Long, Parent Seat
- Kendra Brown Choice, Community Member Seat

Quorum Status: Established.

III. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda for the December 10, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

b. Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

c. 2025-2030 Strategic Plan

Principal Crooms presented the refined 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, outlining six key strategic objectives. During the discussion, Nicole Riggins inquired about the inclusion of partnership coordinators and parent liaisons to support Objective E ("Our responsibility is shared"). Principal Crooms clarified that partnerships are managed by a cross-functional team including social workers, parent liaisons, and the business manager.

- **Action:** A motion to approve the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan was made, seconded, and **approved unanimously**.

d. Ranking Strategic Plan Objectives

The team discussed the prioritization of objectives to guide the FY27 budget development. Sean Stallings led the voting process. Following discussions on tie-breaking strategies suggested by Dr. Newberry, the team finalized the priority order.

- **Action:** The following ranking was **approved unanimously**:
 1. Objective F: Our school is efficient and effective
 2. Objective A: We are strengthening our instructional core
 3. Objective E: Our responsibility is shared
 4. Objective D: Our strength is our team
 5. Objective B: We are caring for every child
 6. Objective C: We are sparking student curiosity

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The team conducted a final review of the approved Strategic Plan and the corresponding FY27 rankings as detailed in the Action Items section above. It was noted that these rankings will serve as the primary parameters for budget discussions starting in January.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Principal's Report: CCRPI Results

Principal Crooms presented the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) results, highlighting significant growth:

- Overall score improved from 54.8 (2024) to 61.2 (2025).
- Content Mastery saw a 10.9-point increase.
- **Closing Gaps component achieved a perfect score of 100.**
- Graduation Rate increased to 84.1% (up from 77.3% in 2024).
- The team noted a decrease in "Progress" points as an area for future focus.

b. Cluster Advisory Team Report

Lasandra Arnold reported on the recent Cluster Advisory Team meeting, focusing on attendance strategies. Highlights included "pop-up" celebrations, silent headphone parties, and a pilot program with Corey Edwards to address chronic absenteeism. It was noted that some absenteeism is linked to students residing outside the school zone. Trisha Harris was nominated as the cluster chair.

c. APS Forward 2040 Update

Nicole Riggins reported that the Board voted unanimously to accept the long-range facilities

plan recommendations. Specialty committees are being formed for Fine Arts and CTAE. The plan includes bringing a biomedical pathway to Washington High and incorporating some elementary schools into the Washington cluster to increase the student population.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

- **Student Recognition:** Student Bell Williams was recognized for her research work with graduate students in "Project Engage" at Georgia Tech.
- **Community Support:** Thanks were extended to alumni and Westside Future Funds for supporting 125 families for Thanksgiving.
- **Holiday Initiatives:** Lolita Washington announced that the Class of 2006 will provide 27 gift cards for students for the holidays.
- **Industry Engagement:** Nicole Riggins shared that music industry professionals recently mentored the chorus regarding career paths.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Minutes Submitted By: Nicole Riggins. Secretary

Minutes Approved On: _____