

Georgia Charter Educational Foundation  
For Coweta Charter Academy  
**MEETING MINUTES FOR 12.24.25 BOARD MEETING**  
**Location: 6675 E., GA-16, Senoia, GA 30276**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 8:08 am with a Call to Order by GCEF Board Director, Jennifer Hughey. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

Attendees:

Jennifer Hughey - Board Chair

Christine Criscillis - Board Director

Jacob Cole - Board Director

**II. AGENDA APPROVAL**

- A. The agenda is adjusted to add item III "Executive Session". (Which resulted in an adjustment to Operations (IV), Public Comment (V), Next Board Meeting Date (VI) and Adjournment (VII).

**MOTION: Motion was made by Jacob Cole to approve the amended agenda including the items above and seconded by Christine Criscillis. Motion passed unanimously.**

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Jennifer Hughey announced that the board of directors would break into Executive session for a brief period of time.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Jacob Cole and seconded by Christine Criscillis to enter into Executive Session at 8:09 AM. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Motion was made by Jacob Cole and seconded by Christine Criscillis to end Executive Session at 8:20 AM. Motion passed unanimously.**

**IV. OPERATIONS**

**A. Approval of School Principal**

- i. Jennifer Hughey indicated that there were two primary candidates, Mr. Caney and Dr. Forehand.
- ii. Jennifer Hughey shared that a parent panel was used to gain insight, and a post-panel survey was conducted, but also indicated that the parents "votes" were used only for insight into the communities thoughts.
  - a) Jennifer Hughey indicated that the stipulation was that parents had to be able to meet with both candidates.

- b) There were 10 parents who responded to the survey for Dr. Forehand, and 11 parents who responded to the survey for Mr. Caney.
- c) Jennifer Hughey shared some anonymous feedback for both candidates, based on parent feedback.
  - (1) Positive feedback for Mr. Caney was primarily focused on Mr. Caney's relationships with those within the school community.
  - (2) Areas of opportunity for Mr. Caney included decisiveness and unsureness about his ability to drive large-scale change.
  - (3) Positive feedback for Dr. Forehand included strong leadership and administrative experience, confidence and decisiveness.
  - (4) Areas of opportunity for Dr. Forehand included a limited familiarity with the school's unique culture and community.
  - (5) Jacob Cole then shared feedback from two of Dr. Forehand's references, highlighting his ability to bring diverse skills together and his knowledge of federal programs.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Jacob Cole to appoint Dr. Micheal Forehand as School Principal starting in second semester of 2026 and seconded by Christine Criscillis. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Motion was made by Jacob Cole that in the inability of the Board and Dr. Michael Forehand to come to terms for the role of School Principal, than an employment offer will be extended to Mr. Caney for the role of Interim Principal. This motion was seconded by Christine Criscillis. Motion passed unanimously.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VI. NEXT BOARD MEETING Date/Time Confirmation (January 27th, 2026 - 6 pm)**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Motion was made by Jacob Cole and seconded by Christine Criscillis to adjourn the board meeting at 8:27 AM on Wednesday, December 24th, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 2026**