



GOODWIN UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Jackie Jacoby.

Members Present: Andy DiFatta, Alvin Thompson, Ed Casares, Frank Amodio, Jackie Jacoby, Julio Maturana, Judy Resnick, John Walters, Larry Goldberg, Lee Housley, Lisa Wisniewski, Mary Ann Hanley, Molly Loudon, Margaret Morton, Mark Scheinberg, Megan Mehr, Ron Buccilli, Se-Min Sohn, Wilfredo Nieves, Kevin Armata

Staff Present: Sal Menzo, Danielle Wilken, Eddie Meyer, Dan Noonan, Todd Andrews, Bryant Harrell, Jean White, Michael Pardales, Bobby Decrescenzo, Missy Quinlan, Alyse Marion

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Consent Agenda

Minutes of May 14, 2025 were reviewed by the Board as a group. Frank Amodio motioned to approve the minutes. Se-Min Sohn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Requiring Action

a. GUES Resolution 25-02 - Election of Officers of Goodwin University Educational Services, Inc.

Mark Scheinberg motioned to approve Resolution 25-02 that approves the election of officers of Goodwin University Educational Services, Inc., naming Se-Min Sohn as Chair, Judy Resnick as Vice Chair, Mark Scheinberg as Secretary, and Andy DiFatta as Treasurer. Andy DiFatta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. GUES Resolution 25-03 - Election of Directors of Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc.

John Walters motioned to approve Resolution 25-03 that approves the election of directors of Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc., naming Merilee DeJohn, Jackie Jacoby, Megan Mehr, and Lee Housley as the directors. Frank Amodio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Superintendent Update

Sal Menzo provided an enrollment update on behalf of the Magnet Schools. As of September 17, total enrollment is 1,405 scholars, 91 of which are enrolled at RiverTech. Like Goodwin University, October 1 is the deadline by which all scholars need to be enrolled and have matriculated, and it is likely that withdrawals will occur before that date. Accordingly, additional seats have opened up. The State of Connecticut did not provide additional funding for the Magnet Schools, meaning their per-pupil expenditures are the same as they were last year and the year prior. For budgetary reasons, certain staff positions that are currently open are not being filled, and the work is being disseminated accordingly among existing staff. Such positions and workflows are only among the Central Office team and do not directly impact scholars. The district continues to expand its partnerships, including contracts with Bridgeport Public Schools and contracting special education services to other districts in the state. In collaboration with Cybercy, an Australian company that develops programming for cyberliteracy, the district also hopes to extend another arm of contracting services.

Sal Menzo additionally shared with excitement that Goodwin University Magnet Schools is officially partnering with East Hartford Public Schools to offer sports for the scholars, beginning this winter of the school year 2025-2026. And plans for developing the new middle school are in progress in accordance with the guidelines put forth by the Magnet Schools of America. The new middle school will offer 550 seats, which will support the demand resulting from the most recent Sheff v O'Neill settlement agreement.

6. Adjournment

Mark Scheinberg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m. Andy DiFatta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

- Meeting Minutes recorded by Lexi Kaider