

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DATE: January 21, 2026 | TIME: 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

Board Attendees: Kenneth Asher, Dr. Juliann McBrayer, Dr. Brittny James, Alisha Birthá, John Brooks

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

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

ADJOURN

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to adopt November 2025 regular board meeting minutes as amended	Dr. Brittny James	Alisha Birthá	Unanimous approval
Motion to Adjourn	John Brooks	Dr. Brittny James	Unanimous approval

I. Call to order – Kenneth Asher

After determining the presence of a quorum, Kenneth Asher called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

II. Review and approval of November 2025 board meeting minutes

- Motion to approve November 19, 2025 minutes – 1st – Dr. Brittny James – 2nd Alisha Birthá
- Unanimous approval

III. Governance Committee Report – Dr. Brittny James

Dr. Brittny James provided updates that covered strategic plan updates and the progress of various initiatives, and the introduction of a new dashboard to track metrics related to each initiative and a gap analysis is in progress. Other key updates included positive feedback on Operation Promise, which engages GCA leaders in student learning and the need to review and revise several policies, including the social media policy

IV. Academic Oversight Committee Report – Alisha Birthá

Alisha Birthá reported on the Academic Oversight Committee's work with exceptional learners. She highlighted that Georgia Cyber Academy serves a higher percentage of students with special education needs compared to state and national averages but noted that data trends are improving. The committee noted that GCA has developed specific resources for teachers to support this student population

V. Finance Committee Report – John Brooks & Andre Hopewell

Andre Hopewell reviewed GCA's financial status, highlighting a projected increase in enrollment for the second semester and positive year-to-date financial results. Andre presented the monthly financial update, noting a slight uptick in enrollment and favorable financial indicators, including a healthy cash balance. The committee also discussed the transition to a new ERP system and the upcoming internal audit results

VI. Head of School/Superintendent Report – Mike Kooi

Jennifer reported that as of January 21st, the projected total enrollment will be 10,057 when future enrollments are included. Mike reported on the closure of the enrollment window on November 3rd and shared positive news about the governor's budget, which included a \$2,000 bonus for all staff and an increase in health insurance funding. The board discussed upcoming conferences and events, including the Science and Social Studies Fair and various educational technology conferences.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

VIII. Next Board of Directors Meeting

Scheduled next board meeting for February 25, 2026

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned without objection at 6:45 pm