



GOODWIN UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 4:00PM

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Se-Min Sohn.

Members Present: Andy DiFatta, Alvin Thompson, Catrina Elder, Ed Casares, Frank Amodio, Jackie Jacoby, Julio Maturana, John Walters, Lee Housley, Lionel Lessard, Lisa Wisniewski, Mary Ann Hanley, Margaret (Peg) Morton, Mark Scheinberg, Ron Angelo, Ron Buccilli, Sim Sohn and Wilfredo Nieves

Staff Present: Sal Menzo, Todd Andrews, Mark McGovern, Dan Noonan, Eddie Meyer, Jean White, Michael Pardales, Missy Quinlan, Bobby Decrescenzo, Alyse Marion, Danielle Wilken and Sandra Ward

2. Public Comment

No members of the public wished to address the Board.

Board members were introduced to Susan Everett, Executive Assistant to Sal Menzo and GUES recording secretary.

3. Consent Agenda

Minutes of September 17, 2025 were reviewed by the Board. Andy DiFatta motioned to approve the minutes. Lee Housley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Superintendent Update

Sal Menzo provided the Superintendent Update. There are currently 1,407 students enrolled in the Magnet Schools and recruitment for next year is underway. There will be a recruitment event at CTRA this evening and they attended the RSCO fair last Saturday. The attendance was good, however the first fair which was held at CTRA was better attended with approximately 1,200 participants. This Friday, January 16th the first student group meeting will be held with the architects for RiverTech. There was a long winter break this year. It culminated with the Fourth Annual Wellness day held on Monday, January 5th. The event which includes various events/activities for staff to participate in (i.e. book club, movement, coloring, knitting, etc.) was well received and the CTRA dance team performed for the first time in front of the staff. Sal Menzo also shared that the budgeting process has begun, but with no budget from the State the process is challenging. The magnet schools are enlisting parent participation in recruiting.

4. Superintendent Update - cont'd

We need 30% of the district to be Tier C students. Three families have agreed to host an event with the Superintendent. Staff recruitment events will also be held. This will be the third year that these events have been held in various towns, for example Doro in Wethersfield or the Art Space in Manchester. We currently have 6 staff members that came to us from a coffee shop recruitment event. Discussion followed regarding attracting families from Tier C districts.

5. Business Requiring Action

a. GUES Resolution 26-01 – Corporate Resolution Appointing a New Member to the School Building Committee

Resolution 26-01 – Corporate Resolution Appointing a New Member to the School Building Committee was presented. The resolution called for Mark McGovern to be appointed to the School Building Committee. Mark McGovern would be the seventh member of the School Building Committee. The resolution will go to the full board for approval. Wilfredo Nieves motioned to appoint Mark McGovern to the school building committee. Frank Amodio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

With no other business to come before the board. Andy DiFatta motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m. Lee Housley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes Recorded by:

Susan Everett

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Recording Secretary