




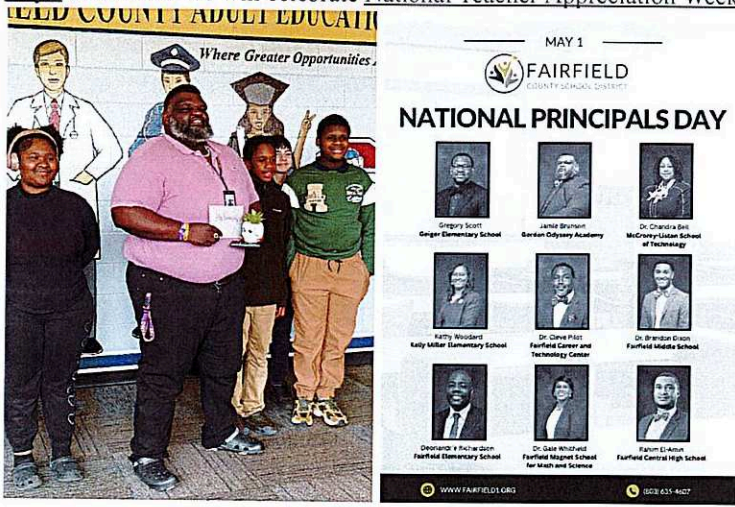
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**Gordon Odyssey Academy  
School Improvement Council Meeting  
May 1, 2026**

**ROLL CALL - Members Present:**

ADMIN/Leadership Team	Teachers/Staff	Parents/Students/Community Registered Attendance
J. Brunson-GOA Director D. Davis-GOA-Administrative Assistant K. Yarborough-Chairperson D. Armoh-Vice Chair T. Schofield-SIC Secretary	A. Cooper C. White D. Armoh L. Woodard V. Thomas	SRO C. Culp Officer C. White F. Durham <a href="#">Students Present Lunch Count Link</a>

AGENDA	DISCUSSION
Welcome & Introduction	A live meeting of the Gordon Odyssey Academy School Improvement Council was held on Friday, May 1, 2026 in the Front Lobby. The meeting was cordially called to order by the Chairperson, Dr. Kim Yarborough at 2:00 p.m.
Old Business	Parent and academic resources are available on the <a href="#">GOA website</a> . In addition, staff is reminded to remain cognizant of <a href="#">Gordon Happenings</a> each week.
New Business 	Mr. Brunson was presented a token of our appreciation for <u>National Principal's Day!</u> Next week we will celebrate <u>National Teacher Appreciation Week!!</u> 



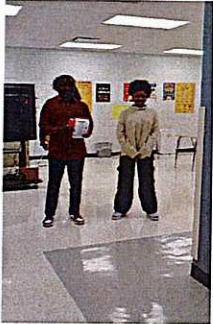


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## Director's Report



## Week 34 - IT'S TESTING SEASON!

Gordon Odyssey Academy ♥ & Fairfield County Adult Education ♦

Greetings Gordon Family! As we enter Week 34, I want to begin by thanking you for the way you showed up for me on National Principals Day. I appreciate the messages, the recognition, and most importantly the work you do every day that makes this role meaningful. The best way you honor me is through your commitment to our students, and that commitment is on full display as we step into one of the most critical moments of our school year.

This is testing season, and the window is officially open for all state assessments across Gordon Odyssey Academy and Fairfield County Adult Education. Everything we have poured into instruction, relationships, and expectations now comes to the forefront. This is not a time to shift who we are, but a time to fully lean into the standard we have established. Our students are ready, and they need us to lead with clarity, consistency, and confidence.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

[2026 Testing Schedule](#)

### Questions/Concerns/Comments

Must pass core courses with a 60 or above to get promoted. Be sure to sign up for summer school if necessary.

[Virtual Academy Interest Form Now Open – Closes May](#)

### Next Meeting

September 2026 TBA

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

### 2025-2026 GOA SIC Officers and Representatives

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Gordon Odyssey Academy  
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 April 23, 2026

**ROLL CALL - Members Present:**

ADMIN/Leadership Team	Teachers/Staff	Parents/Students/Community Registered Attendance
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AGENDA	DISCUSSION
Welcome & Introduction	A live meeting of the Gordon Odyssey Academy School Improvement Council was held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 in the Front Lobby. The meeting was cordially called to order by Director Jamie Brunson at 2:00 p.m.
Old Business	Parent and academic resources are available on the <a href="#">GOA website</a> . In addition, staff is reminded to remain cognizant of <a href="#">Gordon Happenings</a> each week. I am pleased to inform you that our visitor on campus, none other than our Fairfield County Clerk of Court, Mrs. Dorothy Boyd Belton, thoroughly enjoyed serving as Principal for a Day and visiting your classrooms to see the great things you have going on.
New Business 	Mrs Davis was presented a token of our appreciation for Administrative Professionals Day. <u>Virtual Academy Interest Form Now Open - Closes May</u> 





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Director's Report	<p><b>Week 32</b></p> <p><b>Gordon Odyssey Academy ❤️ &amp; Fairfield County Adult Education 🇺🇸</b></p> <p>Greetings Gordon Family!</p> <p>This is the time to finish strong. The fourth quarter is not where we ease up. It is where we tighten everything. Tighten instruction. Tighten expectations. Tighten relationships. Your consistency right now drives outcomes. Students are watching your energy and your belief in them. They will rise to the level of what we demand and what we model. Stay present. Stay focused. Stay locked in on the work.</p> <p>We do not chase success. We focus on the standard. That means no wasted time, clear expectations every day, and immediate feedback that moves students forward. Hold the line. Push with purpose. Finish with pride. 🇺🇸</p> <p>Let's close this year with intention and impact.</p>
<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>	<p>April 28th Q4 Interims</p> <p><a href="#">SC READY (Grades 6-8) &amp; EOC Testing Schedule LINK</a></p>
Questions/Concerns/Comments	<p>Please complete your summer reading choice today with the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Log into Classlink</li> <li>Click on Scholastic Digital Manager</li> <li>Make 1 selection and click 'I'm done'</li> <li>Once they see Clifford, they have made their selection</li> </ul> <p>Please email Sandi Gratic-School Social Worker, once you have completed.</p>
Next Meeting	May 2026 TBA
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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**Gordon Odyssey Academy  
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March 26, 2026**

**ROLL CALL - Members Present:**

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J. Brunson-GOA Director K. Yarborough-Chairperson D. Armoh-Vice Chair T. Schofield-SIC Secretary	A. Cooper C. White D. Armoh B. Simmons	SRO C. Culp F. Durham

AGENDA link	DISCUSSION
Welcome & Introduction	A live meeting of the Gordon Odyssey Academy School Improvement Council was held on Thursday, March 26, 2026 in the Front Lobby. The meeting was cordially called to order by Chairperson Dr. Kim Yarborough at 11:00 a.m.
Old Business	Parent and academic resources are available on the <a href="#">GOA website</a> . In addition, staff is reminded to remain cognizant of <a href="#">Gordon Happenings</a> each week.
New Business 	Women's History Month Brunch hosted by the GOA Male Staff was enjoyed by all! 
Director's Report	Week 29 - Stay Focused on the Standard 💙🌟 Gordon Odyssey Academy 💙 & Fairfield County Adult Education 💎 Greetings Gordon Family! We have officially entered the fourth quarter. The finish line is in sight, and this is where our focus must sharpen. Every lesson, every conversation, and every decision carries weight as we move toward the end of the school year. Let's stay intentional and committed to closing out strong. 🎯





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	<p>Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, March 26. Please report by 10:00 a.m. ready to engage families, provide clear updates, and work together to support student success.</p> <p>This is the time to finish strong. The fourth quarter is not where we ease up. It is where we tighten everything. Tighten instruction. Tighten expectations. Tighten relationships. Your consistency right now drives outcomes. Students are watching your energy and your belief in them. They will rise to the level of what we demand and what we model. Stay present. Stay focused. Stay locked in on the work.</p> <p>We do not chase success. We focus on the standard. That means no wasted time, clear expectations every day, and immediate feedback that moves students forward. Hold the line. Push with purpose. Finish with pride. 🍷</p> <p>Let's close this year with intention and impact.</p>
<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>	<p>Parent/Teacher Conferences - March 26          Spring ELA iReady - March 31          Spring Math iReady - April 1          SPRING BREAK - April 6-10</p>
Questions/Concerns/Comments	<p>Hello Fairfield family!</p> <p>Just like the contestants on The Price Is Right, we're celebrating the value of something incredibly important — giving back to our community. Every day United Way supports families who need help with housing, food, childcare, and education. But those programs only work because of people like you. The Penny Wars was a success! Thank you for your competitive spirit and turning your coins (and dollars) into programs that provide critical services for families in need.</p>
Next Meeting	April 2026 TBA
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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**Gordon Odyssey Academy  
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February 27, 2026**

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AGENDA link	DISCUSSION
<p>Welcome &amp; Introduction</p> 	<p>A live meeting of the Gordon Odyssey Academy School Improvement Council was held on Friday, February 27, 2026 in the Front Lobby. The meeting was cordially called to order by Chairperson Dr. Kim Yarborough at 3:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Parent and academic resources are available on the <a href="#">GOA website</a>. In addition, staff is reminded to remain cognizant of <a href="#">Gordon Happenings</a> each week.</p>
<p>New Business</p> 	<p>Winners of the Black History Month Quiz Bowl were recognized:  <b>7th Grade-Carter Evans</b>  <b>8th Grade-Aniyah Johnson</b>  <b>9th Grade-Kamojay Sanders</b>  <b>10th Grade-Bruno Boulware</b></p>





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<p>Director's Report</p>	<p><b>Week 25 - Welcome Back!</b></p> <p>Greetings Gordon Family! Welcome back from intersession break. I hope you had the opportunity to rest and reset. As we enter Week 25, we are stepping into a critical stretch of the school year. The pace will accelerate, and the consistency of our work will determine the growth we see in our students.</p> <p>This is the right time to reset our environments and our mindset. The condition of our classrooms and offices reflects our expectations. An organized, focused space promotes structure and communicates that learning is the priority. When students walk into our building, they should feel clarity, stability, and purpose.</p> <p>We must also recommit to the culture of accountability. That means adults holding students accountable for attendance, effort, and behavior, and adults holding themselves accountable for preparation, supervision, and follow-through. It also means peer-to-peer accountability among staff. We support one another, we communicate professionally, and we protect instructional time. Students should experience consistency from every adult in the building.</p>
<p><b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b></p>	<p>Quarter 3 Ends - March 18          Last Day to Enter Grades for Quarter 3 - March 19          Parent/Teacher Conferences - March 26          Spring ELA iReady - March 31          Spring Math iReady - April 1          SPRING BREAK - April 6-10</p>
<p>Questions/Concerns/Comments</p>	<p><b><u>Final Thought</u></b></p> <p>Before we know it, testing season will be here. There is no need for panic, only preparation. Every lesson from this point forward should be intentional and aligned to student growth. Our work now will directly impact outcomes later.</p> <p>Let's refocus, raise the standard, and make a lasting impact on our students this school year. The second half starts now.</p> <p>Remember to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BE KIND</li> <li>BE IN CONTROL</li> <li>BE PREPARED</li> <li>BE RESPECTFUL</li> <li>BE PURPOSEFUL</li> <li>BE HERE</li> </ul>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>March 2026 TBA</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.</p>

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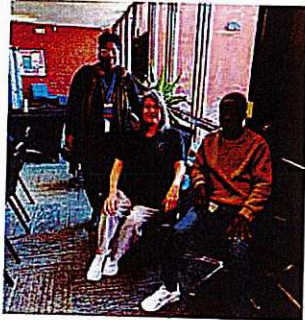

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**Gordon Odyssey Academy  
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January 28, 2026**

**ROLL CALL - Members Present:**

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AGENDA Link	DISCUSSION
Welcome & Introduction	<p>A live meeting of the Gordon Odyssey Academy School Improvement Council was held on Thursday, January 28, 2026 in conjunction with the Q2 Awards Program in the Front Lobby. The meeting was cordially called to order by Chairperson Dr. Kim Yarborough at 1:30 p.m.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
Old Business	Parent and academic resources are available on the <a href="#">GOA website</a> . In addition, staff is reminded to remain cognizant of <a href="#">Gordon Happenings</a> each week.
New Business	<p>Instructional Strategy of the Month January 2026: Frayer Model</p> <p>January 2026: Frayer Model</p> <p>Strategy Overview: The Frayer Model is a graphic organizer that helps students understand key vocabulary by defining the word, describing its characteristics, giving examples, and providing non-examples.</p> <p>Resources: <a href="#">Frayer Model Template &amp; Guide</a></p>



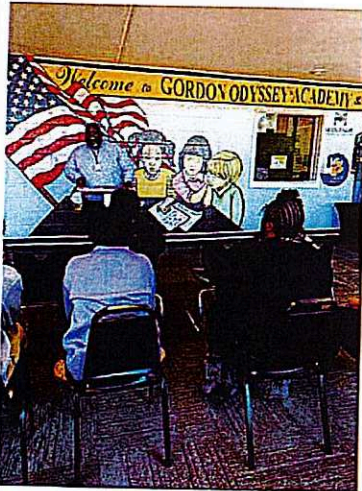


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## Director's Report



### We Must Work On The Work

Greetings Gordon Family! We begin the Second Semester grounded in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His work reminds us that service, courage, and commitment to justice show up in daily actions. The work you do for students who need us most is exactly that kind of service. Keep that purpose front and center this 3rd Grading Term.

“Please be encouraged to live inside the circle, staying in bounds. Set yourself apart with a clean slate and exercise self-correction in order to get promoted and avoid summer school. Get in Gear! Don't let one mistake hold you back. While you are here, we will treat you like every other student in celebrating the positive and addressing the negative...and hopefully the good will outweigh the bad.”

## DATES TO REMEMBER

2nd Quarter Honors & Awards/SIC - January 28  
OEC/School PD - February 2  
Last Day to Enter Grades for Q3 Interims - February 6  
Q3 Interims - February 9  
Presidents' Day - February 16  
Intersession - February 17-20

## Questions/Concerns/Comments



### Final Thought

Dr. King said, “Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve.” What you do every day matters. Your consistency creates stability. Your instruction creates opportunity. Your belief in students creates change. Let's make Quarter 3 strong, focused, and student-centered. Our next step is simple. Show up prepared. Engage students deeply. Let the data guide the work. Ms. Woodard testified that we love and care enough about our students at GOA to hold them accountable for their actions.





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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.	

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**Gordon Odyssey Academy  
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December 19, 2025**

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AGENDA	DISCUSSION
<p>Welcome &amp; Introduction</p>  	<p>A live meeting of the Gordon Odyssey Academy School Improvement Council was held on Friday, December 19, 2025 along with a catered holiday meal in the front lobby. The meeting was cordially called to order by Chairperson Dr. Kim Yarborough at 1:00 p.m.</p>  
Old Business	Parent and academic resources are available on the <a href="#">GOA website</a> . In addition, staff is reminded to remain cognizant of <a href="#">Gordon Happenings</a> each week.
New Business	<p><b>Transition Rubric – Pathway Back to Home School</b> Every student must earn their way back through consistent progress. Our <b>Transition Rubric</b> tracks this across key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attendance – Daily presence matters. Students must meet the attendance</li> </ol>





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	<p>2. <b>Behavior</b> – Respectful interactions and adherence to classroom expectations. No repeated disruptions</p> <p>3. <b>Course Performance</b> – Passing grades in assigned courses with visible effort and engagement.</p> <p>Each section is non-negotiable. Students, parents, and staff should clearly understand that <b>meeting the standard is the pathway forward.</b></p>
Director's Report	<p>Greetings Gordon Family! Happy Holidays!!</p> <p>A new year brings new beginnings. It brings renewed focus. It brings opportunity. As we start Semester Two, you will see some familiar faces and a few new ones. We welcome everyone with grace. We move forward with a clean slate. What matters most is how we show up for students and for each other—starting now. The first semester proved something important. When we work together, we get through challenges. When we support one another, we grow stronger. That same commitment carries us into this next chapter.</p> <p>Semester Two is not about starting over. It is about building forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building on lessons learned</li> <li>• Building stronger systems</li> <li>• Building deeper impact for students</li> </ul> <p>You are not doing this work alone. We will continue to support one another. We will communicate clearly. We will problem-solve together. We will hold high expectations while extending understanding.</p> <p>Thank you for your dedication, your resilience, and your belief in the mission. Your work matters. Your presence matters. Your growth matters.</p> <p>Welcome back. Let's make Semester Two even stronger than the first.</p>
<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>	<p>December 17th-Last day to enter grades for Q2</p> <p>December 19th-Q2 Ends/Early Dismissal</p> <p>December 20-January 5th</p> <p>Tuesday, January 6th, 2026-Students return for Q3</p> <p>Friday, January 9th, 2026-2nd Grade Term Report Cards Issued</p> <p>Monday, January 18th-Martin Luther King Holiday</p>
Questions/Concerns/Comments	<p>Please be reminded to celebrate and reflect about what you are thankful for during our fall break. Also, when we return, take advantage of tutoring and extra help available on asynchronous Thursdays by contacting your scholar's teacher. Additionally, please be vigilant about checking official grades in <a href="#">Powerschool Student/Parent Portal</a>.</p>
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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.





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November 20, 2025

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<u>AGENDA (link)</u>	DISCUSSION
<p>Welcome &amp; Introduction</p> 	<p>A live meeting of the Gordon Odyssey Academy School Improvement Council was held on Thursday, November 20, 2025 along with a catered Thanksgiving dinner. The meeting was cordially called to order by Chairperson Dr. Kim Yarborough at 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Parent and academic resources are available on the <a href="#">GOA website</a>. In addition, staff is reminded to remain cognizant of <a href="#">Gordon Happenings</a> each week.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p><b>Transition Rubric – Pathway Back to Home School</b> Every student must earn their way back through consistent progress. Our <b>Transition Rubric</b> tracks this across key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Attendance</b> – Daily presence matters. Students must meet the attendance target consistently.</li> <li>2. <b>Behavior</b> – Respectful interactions and adherence to classroom expectations. No repeated disruptions.</li> <li>3. <b>Course Performance</b> – Passing grades in assigned courses with visible effort and engagement.</li> </ol> <p>Each section is non-negotiable. Students, parents, and staff should clearly understand that meeting the standard is the pathway forward.</p>
<p>Director's Report</p> 	<p>Greetings Gordon Family! Thank you for the work you put in each day. Your consistency shows, and our students feel it. We're entering the final stretch before Thanksgiving, and your steady leadership is carrying us forward. 📖📱</p> <p>Shout-Out From the Learning Walk 🗨️👍</p> <p>The Office of Academics shared strong positives from their visit. You should be proud of what they noticed.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students engaged in meaningful, on-task work 📖</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong relationships and a positive tone with learners 😊</li> <li>• High-quality questioning and real-time feedback 🎯</li> <li>• Safe, calm learning environments that support focus ✨</li> </ul> <p>These highlights reflect your preparation, presence, and commitment to excellence.</p>
<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>	<p>M-F 11/24/25-11/28/25 -Thanksgiving Break</p> <p><b><u>EOC TESTING SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday December 2, 2025 (Writing)</p> <p>Wednesday December 3, 2025 (Reading)</p> <p>Thursday December 4, 2025 (Biology I)</p> <p>Tuesday December 9, 2025 (US History)</p>
Questions/Concerns/Comments	<p>Please be reminded to celebrate and reflect about what you are thankful for during our fall break. Also, when we return, take advantage of tutoring and extra help available on asynchronous Thursdays by contacting your scholar's teacher. Additionally, please be vigilant about checking official grades in <u>Powerschool Student/Parent Portal</u>.</p>
Next Meeting	December 2025 TBA
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**2025-2026 GOA SIC Officers and Representatives**

President-Dr. Kim Yarbrough  
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**Gordon Odyssey Academy  
School Improvement Council Meeting  
October 23, 2025**

**ROLL CALL - Members Present:**

ADMIN/Leadership Team	Teachers/Staff	Parents/Students/Community Registered Attendance
J. Brunson-GOA Director K. Yarborough-Chairperson D. Armoh-Vice Chair T. Schofield-SIC Secretary D. Davis-Admin. Assistant	A. Cooper S. Gratic L. Woodard C. White D. Armoh F. Durham B. Simmons A. Glasgow	J. Byrd M. Anderson M. Wadlington D. Fowler J. Archie A. Hunter G. Walker J. Williams L. Davis D. Goodman D. Johnson

AGENDA (link)	DISCUSSION
Welcome & Introduction	A live meeting of the Gordon Odyssey Academy School Improvement Council was held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 as part of the Q1 Awards Program. The meeting was cordially called to order by Chairperson Dr. Kim Yarborough at 10:00 a.m.
Old Business	Parent and academic resources are available on the <a href="#">GOA website</a> . In addition, staff is reminded to remain cognizant of <a href="#">Gordon Happenings</a> each week.
New Business	<p><u>Oct. 23, 2025 SIC Chairman Report/Agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated 10/27-10/31 ❤️🙏</li> <li>October is National Bullying Prevention Month. The purpose is to raise awareness and take action against bullying. It promotes kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and educates people on how to prevent bullying through various forms, including verbal, physical, social, and online methods.</li> <li>October is designated as National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month, and it includes World Mental Health Day on October 10th.</li> <li>Two Math Guest Speakers</li> </ul>
Director's Report	<p><b>Greetings, Gordon Family!</b> I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to each of you for making <b>Principal Appreciation Month</b> truly special. Your enthusiastic participation, the laughter, and the love that filled our halls this week was a beautiful reminder of why Gordon Odyssey Academy is such a unique and powerful place. Your presence, your passion, and your commitment to our students do not go unnoticed.</p> <p>Thank you all for your kind and congratulatory words when we found out that I was named SCABSE HS Principal of the Year for the 25-26 School Year. I am truly honored, but this award is about the hard work that you and our students put in on a daily basis. Thank you for being willing to try all of my crazy ideas and innovative</p>





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	We don't chase success—we live the standard until success has no choice but to show up. Hold the line. Teach on purpose. Lift as you lead. Our students will rise because you do.
<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>	Thursday 10/23/25 - Honors and Awards Program 10:00AM M-F 10/27/25-10/31/25 - Red Ribbon Week Monday 11/10/25 - Last Day to Enter Q2 Interim Grades Wednesday 11/12/25 - Q2 Interims Go Home M-F 11/24/25-11/28/25 -Thanksgiving Break
Questions/Concerns/Comments	Please be reminded to take advantage of tutoring and extra help available on asynchronous Thursdays by contacting your scholar's teacher. Additionally, please be vigilant about checking official grades in <u>Powerschool Student/Parent Portal</u> .
Next Meeting	November 2025 TBA Career Development Month
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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**Gordon Odyssey Academy  
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September 25, 2025**

**ROLL CALL - Members Present:**

ADMIN/Leadership Team	Teachers/Staff	Parents/Students/Community Registered Attendance
J. Brunson-GOA Director S. Gratic - SIC President T. Schofield-SIC Secretary K. Yarborough-SIC Community Rep.	A. Cooper      V. Thomas C. White      B. Williamson-Holley D. Armoh      F. Durham R. Mack      T. Macedo M. Mullins    L. Woodard	J. Byrd K. Sanders SRO Culp

AGENDA (link)	DISCUSSION
Welcome & Introduction	A live meeting of the Gordon Odyssey Academy School Improvement Council was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025. The meeting was cordially called to order by Chairperson Sandi Gratic at 3:45 p.m.
Old Business	Parent and academic resources are available on the <a href="#">GOA website</a> . In addition, staff is reminded to remain cognizant of <a href="#">Gordon Happenings</a> each week.
New Business	<b>New officers were elected as follows:</b> President-Dr. Kim Yarbrough Vice President-Desmond Armoh Secretary-Tammy Schofield Community Representatives: Tiffany Boyd and Carolyn McDaniel
Director's Report	Greetings, Gordon Family! I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to each of you for making Principal Appreciation Month truly special. Your enthusiastic participation, the laughter, and the love that filled our halls this week was a beautiful reminder of why Gordon Odyssey Academy is such a unique and powerful place. Your presence, your passion, and your commitment to our students do not go unnoticed.  Thank you all for your kind and congratulatory words when we found out that I was named SCABSE HS Principal of the Year for the 25-26 School Year. I am truly honored, but this award is about the hard work that you and our students put in on a daily basis. Thank you for being willing to try all of my crazy ideas and innovative practices. I TRULY APPRECIATE YOU!
<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>	<b>October 6 - Grades Stored</b>





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	<p>October 9 - Parent/Teacher Conferences &amp; Quarter 1 Report Cards</p> <p>October 13 - FCSD PD Day</p>
	October 14-17 - Intersession
Questions/Concerns/Comments	Please be reminded to take advantage of tutoring and extra help available on asynchronous Thursdays by contacting your scholar's teacher. Additionally, please be vigilant about checking official grades in <a href="#">Powerschool Student/Parent Portal</a> .
Next Meeting	October 2025 TBA
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

### 2024-2025 GOA SIC Officers and Representatives

**President:** Sandi Gratic, School Social Worker

**Secretary:** Tammy Schofield, Teacher

**Community Representative:** Dr. Kim Yarborough, Local Resident/Teacher

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