

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR & BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
DATE: May 20, 2026 | TIME: 12:00 PM

LOCATION:
1745 Phoenix Blvd., Suite 500
Atlanta, GA 30349
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Public Comment Policy

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AGENDA

Board Attendees: Kenneth Asher, Dr. Adria Welcher, Alisha Birthá, John Brooks, Mark Peevy

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

Staff: Keira Hopkins, Executive Assistant, Jennifer Mitchell, Operations & Compliance Director

- I. Call to order
- II. Review and approval of April 2026 board meeting minutes
- III. Academic Oversight Committee Report – including approval of SY 2026-27 Curriculum Plan
- IV. Finance Committee Report
- V. Review and discussion of FY2026-27 budget
- VI. Superintendent’s report – Mike Kooi – GCA Superintendent
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. Next Board of Directors Meeting
- IX. Executive Session

ADJOURN

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to adopt April 2026 regular board meeting minutes	Dr. Adria Welcher	John Brooks	Unanimous approval
Motion to approve SY 2026-27 Curriculum Plan	Alisha Birthá	Dr. Adria Welcher	Unanimous approval
Motion to adjourn	John Brooks	Mark Peevy	Unanimous approval

I. Call to order – Kenneth Asher

After determining the presence of a quorum, Kenneth Asher called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

II. Review and approval of April 2026 board meeting minutes

- Motion to approve April 15, 2026 minutes – 1st – Dr. Adria Welcher – 2nd John Brooks - Unanimous approval

III. Academic Oversight Committee Report – Alisha Birthá

Alisha Birthá provided a summary that the Academic Oversight Committee met to approve the curriculum plan for the next school year, which included transitioning to HMH diagnostics and math programs, adding Stukent for CTAE courses, and achieving \$250,000 in cost savings.

- Motion to approve SY 2026-27 Curriculum Plan – 1st – Alisha Birthá – 2nd – Dr. Adria Welcher - Unanimous approval

IV. Finance Committee Report – John Brooks & Andre Hopewell

John Brooks and Andre Hopewell presented the Finance Committee report, highlighting a significant increase in revenue projections due to state funding, resulting in a surplus of over \$4 million. The committee proposed investing this surplus in several areas, including IT infrastructure updates, additional literacy coaches, and accelerating curriculum writing efforts to develop in-house materials

V. Review and discussion of FY2026-27 budget

Andre Hopewell presented a comprehensive FY27 budget overview showing unprecedented revenue increases, with per-pupil revenue rising by over \$1,000 to and total funding exceeding \$131.5 million. The district plans to approve seven new positions, including additional teachers in high school social studies and special education, as well as literacy coaches for ELA and math. Andre also presented a detailed account-level

budget review and proposals for spending the \$4 million surplus, including possible additional salary increases, IT infrastructure updates, and expedited curriculum writing efforts to develop in-house materials. The budget discussion also highlighted potential opportunities for increased funding, including investments in advertising to boost enrollment

VI. Head of School/Superintendent Report – Mike Kooi

Jennifer Mitchell presented enrollment numbers were reported to be similar to the previous year, with 75-83 approved applications, including 6645 returning students and 938 new enrollments. Mike Kooi relayed that a future presentation will be presented to the board on marketing/enrollment strategies and progress.

The board also discussed completing Governance training, and upcoming conferences and scheduled the next board meeting for June 17th, with no meeting planned for July

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

VIII. Next Board of Directors Meeting

Scheduled next board meeting for June 17, 2026

IX. Executive Session

- Enter into executive session to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee and to deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or evaluation of a public officer or employee

ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn 1st – John Brooks – 2nd - Mark Peevy

Meeting adjourned without objection at 1:18 pm