

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR & BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
DATE: June 17, 2026 | TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://georgiacyber.zoom.us/j/91883435754>

Meeting ID: 918 8343 5754

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Public Comment Policy

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AGENDA

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

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

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

- I. Call to order
- II. Review and approval of May 2026 board meeting minutes
- III. Finance Committee Report
- IV. Review and discussion of FY2026-27 budget
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VI. Final approval of FY2026-27 budget
- VII. Superintendent's report – Mike Kooi – GCA Superintendent
- VIII. SY2026-2027 Board meeting schedule
- IX. Next Board of Directors Meeting

ADJOURN

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to adopt May 2026 regular board meeting minutes	John Brooks	Alisha Birthá	Unanimous approval
Motion to approve SY 2026-27 Budget	Mark Peevy	Dr. Adria Welcher	Unanimous approval
Motion to Adjourn	Alisha Birthá	Dr. Adria Welcher	Unanimous approval

I. Call to order – Kenneth Asher

After determining the presence of a quorum, Kenneth Asher called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Review and approval of May 2026 board meeting minutes

- Motion to approve May 20, 2026 minutes – 1st – John Brooks – 2nd Alisha Birthá - Unanimous approval

III. Finance Committee Report – John Brooks & Andre Hopewell

Andre Hopewell presented enrollment projections and a per-pupil revenue increase, leading to a total projected funding of \$131.4 million for the year, consisting of \$123.3 million in state funds and \$8 million in federal funds

IV. Review and discussion of FY2026-27 budget

Andre presented the 2027 budget for GCA, highlighting a projected surplus and per pupil funding increase. The budget includes plans to hire 11 additional staff members, including teachers and administrative positions, as well as overall staff salary increases averaging 5.3%. The budget shows a nearly \$7 million increase from fiscal year 26 to 27.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

VI. Final approval of FY2026-27 budget

- Motion to approve SY 2026-27 Budget – 1st Mark Peevy – 2nd Dr. Adria Welcher – unanimous approval

VII. Head of School/Superintendent Report – Mike Kooi

Jennifer Mitchell provided an enrollment update. Mike announced upcoming professional development in Athens and various conferences staff will attend.

The board also scheduled the next board meeting for August 19th, with no meeting planned for July.

VIII. Next Board of Directors Meeting

Scheduled next board meeting for August 19, 2026

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn 1st – Alisha Birthá – 2nd - Dr. Adria Welcher

Meeting adjourned without objection at 6:55 p.m.