

September Agenda

School: Innovation Academy

Date: 09/15/2026

Time: 7:45AM

Location: Mission Control

TEAMS Link (if applicable): <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/266885276656021?p=bifuowexK1dJ1jzlkC>

SGC Members:

Scott Kent (Principal), Bob Kuhn (Teacher), Cara Dawes (Teacher) Cary Lunch (Teacher - Appointed Staff), Scott Hetherington (Appointed Staff), Isaac Howard (Parent), Contessa Metcalfe (Parent), Alissa Kauffman (Parent), Ritesh Koul (Community Member), Vacant (Community Member) John Collins (Student), Leah Simmons (Student)

Time	Agenda Item	Time
7:45 AM	Call to Order <i>(Chair)</i>	2 min
7:47 AM	Action Item: Approve Agenda <i>(Chair)</i>	2 min
7:49 AM	Action Item: Approve Previous Month's Minutes <i>(Chair)</i>	2 min
7:51 AM	Action Item: Finalize Council Staffing* <i>(Chair)</i>	4 min
7:55 AM	Discussion Item: SGC Council Development Opportunities** <i>(All Members)</i>	5 min
8:00 AM	Discussion Item: Determine SY26-27 Council Norms <i>(All Members)</i>	5 min
8:05 AM	Discussion Item: Review SGC Website for Compliance <i>(All Members)</i>	12 min
8:17 AM	Discussion Item: Strategic Planning Updates <i>(All Members)</i>	5 min
8:22 AM	Action Item: Approve New VAF/Program Requests**** <i>(All Members)</i>	5 min
8:27 AM	Informational Item: Principal's Update <i>(Principal)</i>	6 min
8:33 AM	Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposal Process <i>(All Members)</i>	5 min
8:38 AM	Action Item: Charter Dollar Formalized Process <i>(Chair)</i>	3 min
8:41 AM	Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda <i>(All Members)</i>	3 min
8:44 AM	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment <i>(Chair)</i>	1 min

Meeting Norms: Silence Phones, Be Respectful of Others' Opinions, Work for the good of all Students

Notes and Reminders

*** Finalizing Council Staffing:** Please ensure all member updates have been submitted to the Governance & Flexibility Team.

**** SGC Council Development Opportunities:**

SGC Essential Training

Our comprehensive SGC training course is essential for understanding the vital roles and responsibilities within the School Governance Council. This training is designed to equip members with knowledge about the SGC's core structure and key processes for successful school governance.

Login Instructions for Canvas:

1. Open your browser and go to fultonschools.instructure.com.
2. Click "employee log in" and sign in with your Microsoft account.
3. Complete authentication and follow the prompts to reduce sign-in requests.
4. Once logged in, find the School Governance Essential Training listed under courses.

2026 In Person Officer Training

All SGC Officers (Council Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Parliamentarians) are required to complete Officer Training (*unless completed in previous years*). Please note that this will be a more in depth, hands-on training for newly elected officers. This is different from the Officer Training Module found in the Canvas Training.

Click below to register to attend one of the sessions.

[2026 Officer Training Sign Up Link](#)

Fall 2026 Cross Council Events

The Governance & Flexibility Team is excited to invite all School Governance Councils to our Fall Cross Council events—two engaging mornings designed to connect, collaborate, and inspire.

These sessions are a unique opportunity for SGC members to learn from district leaders, the Governance & Flexibility Team, and each other. They bring together councils from across the district, creating space for collaboration within feeder patterns and across grade bands.

Dates & Locations to be announced soon!

***** SY26-27 Council Initiatives:** Review Council Self-Assessment. As a reminder, these were sent in the July Newsletter. Begin discussions to determine the focus of the council's upcoming work. Lean on your school's Strategic Action Plan to ensure the work of the council is aligned with the goals and initiatives being targeted by the school leaders. Task the council with prioritizing 1 – 2 initiatives the SGC could lead or support throughout the year.

******VAF/Programmatic Updates**

All flexibility and programming submissions are due from schools by October 2nd and can be completed using the [VAF/Programming Form](#) located on the [Charter System Website Flexibility page](#).

Schools should use the form to submit the following:

- New Value-Added Flexibility Requests – Use the form to request any new flexibilities for the 2027-2028 school year.
- Updates on Current Flexibilities – All schools approved for value-added flexibilities since 2021 must submit an implementation update. If your school has multiple approved flexibilities, you may select them from the dropdown in the form and submit a single update on overall progress. A separate update for each flexibility is not required.
- Magnet Program Updates/Requests – This includes requests for new magnet programs, updates on all current magnet programs, and notices of sunseting or discontinuing magnet programs. All schools with magnet programs must submit an update for each program. Schools with multiple magnet programs will need to complete multiple forms.

All submissions require School Governance Council approval and a 30-day public comment period. Instructions for managing the public comment process are available on the [Charter System Website](#).

Schools wishing to opt-in to one of the four district preapproved waivers should complete the short [Opt-In Notice of Adoption form](#) and follow the linked instructions.

Please contact the Governance & Flexibility Team with any questions or to request additional support.