

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DATE: August 19, 2026 | TIME: 6:00 PM

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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)

Contributing Staff: Keira Hopkins, Executive Assistant, Jennifer Mitchell, Operations & Compliance Director, Gail Robertson, District Talent & Performance Coordinator

- I. Call to order
- II. Review and approval of June 2026 board meeting minutes
- III. Academic Oversight Committee Report – including approval of SY26-27 Academic Calendar, approval of revised Promotion/Retention policy & appointment of new committee chair
- IV. Governance Committee Report
- V. Finance Committee Report
- VI. Superintendent’s report – Mike Kooi – GCA Superintendent
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. Next Board of Directors Meeting

ADJOURN

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to approve June 2026 regular board meeting minutes	Mark Peevy	Alisha Birthá	Unanimous approval
Motion to approve SY26-27 Academic Calendar	John Brooks	Alisha Birthá	Unanimous approval
Motion to approve revised Promotion/Retention policy	Alisha Birthá	Mark Peevy	Unanimous approval
Motion to approve appointment of Alisha Birthá as new AOC chair	John Brooks	Mark Peevy	Unanimous approval
Motion to Adjourn	John Brooks	Alisha Birthá	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 June 2026 board meeting minutes

- Motion to approve June 17, 2026 minutes – 1st – Mark Peevy – 2nd Alisha Birthá - Unanimous approval

III. Academic Oversight Committee Report – Mike Kooi

Mike Kooi presented a summary of student performance data, recommended approval of the 2026-27 school calendar, revised promotion and retention policy, and appointment of Alicia Berthá as new Academic Oversight committee chair

- Motion to approve SY26-27 Academic calendar – 1st John Brooks – 2nd Alisha Birthá - unanimous approval
- Motion to approve revised Promotion/Retention Policy – 1st Alisha Birthá – 2nd Mark Peevy - unanimous approval
- Motion to approve appointment of Alisha Birthá as new Academic Oversight Committee Chair – 1st John Brooks – 2nd Mark Peevy - unanimous approval

Gail presented a status report on the school's strategic plan, highlighting progress and areas needing improvement across three pillars. Gail also outlined new initiatives for the 26-27 school year, including a revised student schedule to provide targeted support and alignment across departments to meet goals.

IV. Governance Committee Report – No meeting held, nothing to report

V. Finance Committee Report – John Brooks & Andre Hopewell

Andre presented the monthly financials and reported that GCA has exceeded \$130 million in budget for the first time, with projections showing a surplus for the year

VI. Head of School/Superintendent Report – Mike Kooi

Jennifer Mitchell provided an enrollment update. Mike presented highlight video of Back to School professional development in Athens and discussed various conferences staff will attend.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

VIII. Next Board of Directors Meeting

Scheduled next board meeting for September 16, 2026

ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn 1st – John Brooks – 2nd - Alisha Birthá
- Meeting adjourned without objection at 6:59 p.m.