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ODYSSEY ACADEMY/VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Gordon Odyssey Academy/Virtual Academy
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**Gordon Odyssey Academy
School Improvement Council Meeting
October 7, 2026**

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. D. Davis-GOA Administrative Assistant	A. Cooper V. Thomas B. Williamson-Holley B. Pressley B. Simmons R. Mack A. Glasgow M. Mullins L. Woodard	F. Durham A. Weldon SRO Culp J. Archie C. White B. Smith S. Boughknight L. Byrd M. Waddlington

AGENDA (link)	DISCUSSION
Welcome & Introduction 	A live meeting of the Gordon Odyssey Academy School Improvement Council was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 to honor Mr. Brunson for Principal Appreciation Month. The meeting was cordially called to order by Lead Teacher R. Mack at 12:30 p.m.
Old Business	Parent and academic resources are available on the GOA website. In addition, staff is reminded to remain cognizant of Gordon Happenings each week.
New Business 	New 2026-2027 officers will be elected at the next meeting. Present 2025-2026 officers are as follows: President-Dr. Kim Yarbrough Vice President-Desmond Armoh Secretary-Tammy Schofield Community Representatives: Tiffany Boyd and Carolyn McDaniel A Keepsake Journal was presented to our Director, Mr. Jamie Brunson and a reception was held to celebrate his inspirational leadership style!





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Director's Report	Week 10 - ✨ We Are Pressing Forward ✨ Greetings Gordon Family! Team, we've stepped into Quarter Two, and the message is simple: raise the bar and hold the line. 🚀 Every classroom, every lesson, every interaction must show our commitment to excellence. If it's not tight, it's not right. That means intentional planning, clear delivery, and consistent follow-up. Scholars should feel our expectations the moment they walk through the door. We cannot afford to let anyone slip through the cracks. 📊 Attendance, Behavior, and Course performance are our non-negotiables. Every scholar needs to know where they stand, and parents must be contacted if a student is failing. Documentation and follow-through are not optional—they are part of our standard. We are not babysitters; we are builders of futures. Culture is what makes or breaks us. 🤝 Presence matters. Be visible in classrooms, hallways, and transitions. Celebrate victories loudly, but address slippage immediately. When we are consistent, students know where the line is and rise to it. Structure and accountability create space for them to thrive. At GOA, we remind our scholars: "Don't chase success. Focus on the standard." 🔑 Reintegration is earned, not given. The right to return to a home school comes only through meeting expectations in full. This quarter is about proving that our students are capable of growth, discipline, and achievement when the adults around them refuse to compromise. Quarter Two is not about survival—it's about domination. 🔥 We don't settle for average, and our students will not leave us unprepared. We set the standard, and we ARE the standard. Let's go make it undeniable.
<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	1st Quarter Report Cards & Parent Conferences 10/08/26 Fall Intercession (No School) 10/12-10/16 Nov. 3 Election Day-No School Nov. 11 Q2 Interims Nov. 23-27 Fall Break-No School
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 Powerschool Student/Parent Portal .
Next Meeting	October 2026 TBA





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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
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2025-2026 GOA SIC Officers and Representatives

President: Dr. Kim Yarborough, 2026 GOA Teacher of the Year

Vice President: Desmond Armoh

Secretary: Tammy Schofield, Teacher

Community Representatives: Tiffany Boyd and Carolyn McDaniel

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