

**Gateway Science Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 12, 2025, at 4:00 pm**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 891 7892 8047**

**Password: Gators**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Session Opening:**

Dr. Bagwell commenced the meeting to order with the roll call at 4:03 pm.

**Members Present:** Tim Bagwell (online), Ali Durhan (online), Patricia Hunt (online), Orville (Beau) Goerger (online), Kennedy Maranga (online)

**Members Absent:** Ahmet Baltaci, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris

**GSA:** Matt Sagnak – Asst. Superintendent (online), Brian Schick – Director of Teaching and Learning (online), Debra Weaver – Principal (online), Nuh Celik - Principal (online), Trudy Williams – Director of SPED (online)

**Concept Schools:** Engin Blackstone – Superintendent (online), Hasan Damar – Treasurer (online)

Dr. Bagwell read the mission statement.

**2. Adopt an Agenda:**

Mr. Goerger made a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Kennedy seconded.

**Roll Call to Adopt the Agenda:**

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

Motion approved.

**3. Public Input:**

None

**4. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

**Renewal:** The State Board of Education approved GSA's renewal for 5 years in their consent agenda on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**GSASEF:** GSA held its annual science, engineering, and technology fair at the Science Center on February 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success with the participation of a hundred students.

## 5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Goerger made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Mrs. Hunt seconded.

### Approval of December 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

No discussion

### Approval of December 2024 and January 2025 Financials

Mr. Damar presented the budget details below:

- The December P&L report shows \$3,124,643 in total revenue and \$2,389,026 in expenses. It shows a \$735,618 surplus
- The January P&L report shows \$ 2,778,547 in total revenue and \$2,177,416 in expenses. It shows a \$601,130 surplus.
- End of January revenue is 56.47%, and expenditure is 63.47%. They are expected to be close to 58.33%
- The total cash balance is \$5,634,025, and the total loan balance is \$5,788,037 as of January 31, 2025.
- The school has 71 days of unrestricted cash on hand.

### Approval of Personnel Report

Mr. Blackstone presented the new hires and resignations since the last Board meeting.

#### Roll Call to Approve the Consent Agenda:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The consent agenda approved unanimously.

## 6. Items for Action:

### Approval of 25.26 Academic Calendar

Mr. Blackstone presented the 25.26 Academic Calendar. The first day for all staff is Monday, August 4th, and the first day for school is Wednesday, August 13th. The proposed calendar shows 177 instruction days; the last day of school is Friday, May 22nd.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the 25.26 Academic Calendar, Mr. Durhan seconded.

#### Roll Call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

## **Approval of SPED Graduation Policy**

Ms. Williams presented the graduation policy changes for the SPED students.

Mr. Durhan made a motion to approve the graduation policy for the students with special needs, Mr. Goerger seconded.

### **Roll Call to Approve:**

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

## **Student Achievement and Activities - Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Blackstone and Dr. Schick presented the updates on the school dashboard, renewal, and academics.

### **8. Board Related:**

**PFD Submission:** Dr. Bagwell reminded the submission deadline of May 1st.

**Board Retreat:** Tabled to discuss in the next meeting.

**School Closure Acknowledgement:** The GSA Board acknowledges the Sponsor's closure policy and guidelines.

### **9. Other:**

#### **Facility Update:**

Mr. Blackstone shared the update about the Archdiocese's most recent response to GSA's request.

## **10. Adjourn the Meeting**

Mr. Goerger made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Maranga seconded.

### **Roll Call to Adjourn:**

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.**