

**Gateway Science Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 12, 2022, at 4:00 pm**

**6025 Chippewa Street, Ste#206  
St. Louis, MO 63109**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Session Opening:**

Dr. Bagwell commenced the meeting to order with the roll call at 4:02 pm.

**Members Present:** Tim Bagwell, Ben Diefenbach, Orville (Beau) Goerger, Kennedy Maranga (online, left at 4:20 pm), Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris (online), Patricia Hunt (online)

**Members Absent:** Ali Durhan

**GSA:** Brian Schick – DTL, Wendy Gilliam – Principal (online, joined at 4:19 pm)

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

Dr. Bagwell read the mission statement.

**2. Adopt an Agenda:**

Mr. Diefenbach made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Goerger seconded.

**Roll Call to Adopt the Agenda:**

Orville (Beau) Goerger: **Aye**, Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Ben Diefenbach: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Absent**

**Motion approved.**

**3. Public Input:**

None

**4. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

None

**5. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

## Approval of August 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes

No discussion

## Approval of July, August, and September 2022 Financials

The Board Finance Committee met on October y and reviewed the July, August, and September 2022 financials. Mr. Damar presented the budget details below:

- The July P&L report shows \$2,025,175 total revenue and \$1,633,644 expenses. It shows a \$391,531 surplus.
- The August P&L report shows \$1,732,682 total revenue and \$1,693,994 expenses. It shows a \$38,688 surplus.
- The September P&L report shows \$2,673,059 total revenue and \$2,227,769 expenses. It shows a \$445,290 surplus.
- End of September 2022 surplus is \$875,509.
- End-of-Year revenue is 29.8%, and expenditure is 25.9%. They are expected to be close to 25%
- The total cash balance as of September 30, 2022, is \$4,586,900. We have 81 days of unrestricted cash on hand.
- The total loan balance is \$3,199,037

Mr. Damar also reported that the FY22 financial audit is in progress, and the report will be ready by the next meeting.

### Roll Call to Approve the Consent Agenda:

Orville (Beau) Goerger: **Aye**, Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Ben Diefenbach: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Absent**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Absent**

**Consent agenda approved unanimously.**

## 6. Items for Action:

### Approval of Extended COVID Leave Benefit

GSA Administration proposed to extend COVID leave policy in the 22-23 school year for a total of five days to ensure full-time GSA employees are paid during the period of isolation or quarantine.

### Roll Call to Approve the Action Item:

Orville (Beau) Goerger: **Aye**, Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Ben Diefenbach: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Absent**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Absent**

**Motion Approved.**

## Approval of SPED Compliance Plan

Mr. Blackstone recommended adopting the Model Compliance Plan made available by DESE.

### Roll Call to Approve the Action Item:

Orville (Beau) Goerger: **Aye**, Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Ben Diefenbach: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Absent**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Absent**

**Motion Approved.**

## Approval of Independent Educational Evaluation Policy

Pursuant to applicable federal law and state standards, parents/guardians of students who receive psychological-educational evaluations conducted by or on behalf of Gateway Science Academy have the right to request an independent educational evaluation at public expense if they disagree with the School's evaluation.

Ms. Trudy Williams, Director of SPED, worked with the School attorney and created the independent educational evaluation policy for the Board's approval.

### Roll Call to Approve the Action Item:

Orville (Beau) Goerger: **Aye**, Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Ben Diefenbach: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Absent**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Absent**

## 7. Student Achievement and Activities - Superintendent's Report

### 21.22 Student Achievement Data:

Dr. Schick, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented the 21-22 student achievement data along with the current priority academic priorities.

### School Dashboard

Mr. Blackstone presented the Dashboard with the updated school data.

## 8. Board Related:

### Board Training

Dr. Bagwell provided the resources for the ongoing Board training and encouraged the Board members to keep track of their training hours. It is decided to make it a routine part of the Board meeting and have 10-15 min sessions by using the Board Training modules provided by the MCPSA.

## 9. Other Business:

### Facility Discussion:

Mr. Blackstone mentioned about the ongoing search process and will keep the Board updated if there is any progress. Also, forming a facility committee is in progress.

## 9. Adjourn the Meeting

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

### Roll Call to Adjourn:

Orville (Beau) Goerger: **Aye**, Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Ben Diefenbach: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Absent**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Absent**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.**