

**Gateway Science Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
June 4, 2024, 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, Orville (Beau) Goerger, Kennedy Maranga (online), Patricia Hunt, Ahmet Baltaci (online)

Members Absent: Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris, Ali Durhan

GSA: Matt Sagnak – Asst. Superintendent (online), Nuh Celik – Principal (online)

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

Dr. Bagwell read the mission statement.

2. Adopt an Agenda:

Mr. Goerger made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Hunt seconded.

Roll Call to Adopt the Agenda:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

Motion approved.

3. Public Input:

Mr. Eichenseer, GSA parent of two students, shared his appreciation for the school.

4. Announcements/Acknowledgements

Mr. Blackstone shared that the GSA High School is ranked as the #1 charter high school and the #15 public high school in the State.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approval of April 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

No discussion

Approval of April 2024 Financials

Mr. Damar presented the budget details below:

- The April P&L report shows \$2,550,888 in total revenue and \$2,610,926 in expenses. It shows a \$60,037 deficit
- End of April revenue is 91%, and expenditure is 90.5%. They are expected to be close to 83.3%
- The total cash balance is \$6,627,849 as of April 30, 2024. We have 94.7 days of unrestricted cash on hand.
- The total loan balance is \$3,171,977.

The consent agenda approved unanimously.

6. Items for Action:

Approval of School Closure Reserve Fund

The sponsor requires the school's governing board to reserve \$75,000 in an escrow or attorney trust account for legal, accounting, and other expenses in case of the school's closure.

Dr. Maranga made a motion to open a reserve account, Mrs. Hunt seconded.

Roll call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

Student Achievement and Activities - Superintendent's Report

Mr. Blackstone provided information about the end-of-year activities, summer school, enrollment, and plans for the upcoming school year.

8. Board Related:

Board Training-Book Study

It is tabled for the next meeting.

Annual Board Evaluation

Dr. Bagwell mentioned that the Board self-evaluation is shared on the Google platform and asked Board members to complete the evaluation.

Annual CMO and Superintendent Evaluation

The CMO and Superintendent evaluation is also shared on the Google platform, and Dr. Bagwell requested each Board member to complete this evaluation, too.

Board Meeting Schedule for 24/25

August 28, 2024, at 4:00 pm

October 23, 2024, at 4:00 pm

December 18, 2024, at 4:00 pm

February 12, 2025, at 4:00 pm

April 23, 2025, at 4:00 pm

June 4, 2025, at 4:00 pm

9. Other Business

Facility Update: The renovation has gained good momentum. Mr. Blackstone, Mr. Matt, and two high school administrators have weekly meetings with the GC and architects to monitor progress closely. The goal is to get the building ready by the first day of school.

10. Adjourn the Meeting

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Maranga seconded.

Roll Call to Adjourn:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.