

**Gateway Science Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 18, 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 4:03 pm.

**Members Present:** Tim Bagwell, Ali Durhan, Ahmet Baltaci, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris (online), Patricia Hunt – online, Orville (Beau) Goerger (4:06 pm), Kennedy Maranga (4:10 pm)

**Members Absent:** None

**GSA:** Matt Sagnak – Asst. Superintendent, Brian Schick – Director of Teaching and Learning (online), Debra Weaver – Principal (online), Sukru Kaya - Principal (online)

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

**Other:** Wayland Mueller - Auditor

Dr. Bagwell read the mission statement.

## **2. Adopt an Agenda:**

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

### **Roll Call to Adopt the Agenda:**

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

Motion approved.

## **3. Public Input:**

Mr. Tucker, a GSA parent of three, shared his input.

## **4. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

Mr. Blackstone shared that two GSA seniors matched through the QuestBridge application: one with Boston University and one with MIT. Also, two seniors got their early decision acceptance to WashU.

## 5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

### Approval of October 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes

No discussion

### Approval of October and November 2024 Financials

Mr. Damar presented the budget details below:

- The October P&L report shows \$3,025,985 in total revenue and \$1,949,437 in expenses. It shows a \$1,076,548 surplus
- The November P&L report shows \$ 2,364,509 in total revenue and \$2,568,187 in expenses. It shows a \$203,678 deficit.
- End of November revenue is 44.97%, and expenditure is 55.92%. They are expected to be close to 41.67%
- The total cash balance is \$4,450,003 as of November 30, 2024. The school has 63 days of unrestricted cash on hand.
- The total loan balance is \$5,788,037.

### 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**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

The consent agenda approved unanimously.

## 6. Items for Action:

### Approval of FY24 Audit Report

Mr. Mueller, the auditor with KPMCPA, presented the highlights of the FY24 audit report and responded to the questions. He stated that his team did not encounter any problems while working with the Concept finance team, and there is no finding in the report.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the FY24 audit report, Mr. Baltaci seconded.

#### Roll Call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

## Approval of FY25 Budget Amendments

Mr. Damar presented the amended budget, which was reviewed by the finance committee and asked for the Board's approval. The revenue and expense items are updated based on actual numbers, and the amended budget will provide a more accurate projection for the rest of the fiscal year.

Mr. Goerger made a motion to approve the FY25 Budget Amendments, Mr. Baltaci seconded.

### Roll Call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

## Approval of Updated Policy Manual

The following policies are added or updated in the policy manual. The entire policy manual is reviewed for compliance with State and Federal requirements purpose. The new policies are adopted from the MPCSA's Model Policy manual, which is also reviewed and updated annually by the Association's attorney.

Personal Financial Disclosure  
Official School Year and School Day  
Identification Cards

Mr. Baltaci made a motion to approve, Dr. Lewis-Harris seconded.

### Roll Call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

## Student Achievement and Activities - Superintendent's Report

### School Dashboard – Renewal Application – Academic Updates:

Mr. Blackstone presented the GSA's Annual Performance Report (APR) in detail. GSA accomplished an 87% APR score, which is 4% higher than the last year's APR.

He mentioned that the renewal application is submitted to the Sponsor, and the next step is their approval, which should happen in January at the latest. Then, the Sponsor will submit it to the State for final approval.

Dr Schick provided academic updates on half-year student growth, Instructional Coaches' support, and CS Academic Directors' visits. He also mentioned that the GSA Teacher of the Year program is in progress.

## **8. Board Related:**

### **Annual Conflict of Interest Statements:**

Dr. Bagwell appreciated all Board members for reviewing and signing the annual conflict of statements.

## **9. Other:**

### **Facility Update:**

Mr. Blackstone reported that there is no progress in the facility of our interest.

## **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**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.**