

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL

4601 W. GIRARD AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19131

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DATE & TIME

APRIL 27, 2023

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Opening Colloquy

This April 27, 2023 meeting of the Global Leadership Academy Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to order. The time is 6:08 p.m. My name is Lorenzo Hough. I serve as President to this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

In order to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the school community from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is being held via teleconference. This is a public meeting that was properly noticed in the Metro Philadelphia Newspaper and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. The public notice included instructions for how the public could participate in tonight's meeting.

All members of the public are welcome to sit and listen to the Board of Trustees conduct its business tonight. Members of the public who have registered with the Administrative Office to participate in public comment by 5:00 p.m. on the day before this scheduled meeting may participate in public comment. At this time, I would ask that the Executive Administration submit the list of commenters to our General Counsel. Comments will be limited to three minutes unless the Board decides to grant additional time.

At this time, I will ask that Roll Call be taken.

A. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present	By Invitation: Non-Board Members in Attendance:
Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker – CEO (Non-Voting Member) Mr. Lorenzo Hough (“LH”) – President Mr. David Poindexter (“DP”) – Vice President Mr. Michael Campbell (“MC”) – Treasurer Ms. Monika Davis (“MD”) – Secretary Ms. Chatara Benson (“CB”)	Orrika Blanding-Choice Dr. Tamika Evans Shoshana Saunderson Dr. Lisa Bell-Chiles Kimberly Kennedy Linda Thomas Rochelle Singleton
Board Members Absent Mr. Eugene Golson (“EG”)	Trina Jones Bar-Rae Choice Michael McLeish – Business Controller David Annecharico, Esq. Dean Krebs, Esq.

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

I would like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting, that the Board of Trustees did not meet in Executive Session prior to this meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: CB SECOND: DP VOTE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASS <input type="checkbox"/> FAIL	<p>R230427.01 Approval of the April 27, 2023 Agenda</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby approves the April 27, 2023 Agenda.</p> <p><i>Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>Who</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>What</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;"><i>Board</i></td> <td style="text-align: left;"><i>General discussion</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>
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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: CB SECOND: DP VOTE:	<p>R230427.02 Approval of the March 23, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the March</p>
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23, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
N. Booker	<p>Noted nominal corrections to be made in the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Correcting title of Ms. Orrika Blanding-Choice to be “Interim Assistant Principal”; and- Corrected typo under Section F(i) from “nothing” to “noting”.

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. JOINT BOARD MEETING: GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL SOUTHWEST AT HUEY

i. GLOBAL ACADEMIES NETWORK SUPPORT TEAM REPORT

• NETWORK SCHOOLS REPORT

1. *Dr. Tamika Evans, CEO of GLASW, Ms. Shoshana Saunderson, Principal of GLA, and Mr. Bar-rae Choice, Sr., GA’s Chief of School Operations*
 - I. *Noted excursions are starting in May;*
 - II. *Informed the Board that no asbestos exposure was found at GLASW;*
 - III. *Discussed ongoing review of neighboring properties for educational purposes;*
 - IV. *Reminded the Board that SDP will vote on High School application on May 25th;*
 - V. *Informed the Board of PSSA testing; and*
 - VI. *Discussed recent hiring fairs, noting challenged in finding staff due to less individuals being interested in the teaching field.*
2. *The Boards discussed changes to the mask mandate at the school, including:*
 - I. *That state/federal standards are being relaxed and that the schools should follow state/federal guidelines; and*
 - II. *That the schools currently require proof of vaccination and whether such requirements should continue, and the potential issue continuing to have such a requirement has a teacher recruitment.*

B. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good evening. My name is David Annecharico. I serve as General Counsel to the Global Leadership Academy Charter School Board of Trustees. Will you please state your name for our records?

You will have three minutes to address the Board of Trustees. Any documents or communications with which you might supplement your comment should be submitted to me. I will keep the time and notify the Board when three minutes have elapsed.

This Board may choose not to comment, question, or respond in any way to your public comment. I will begin the time now.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

C. BOARD PRESIDENT – LORENZO HOUGH, PRESIDENT

i. None

D. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – DR. NAOMI JOHNSON-BOOKER, CEO

i. See above

E. FINANCIAL REPORT – SANTILLI & THOMSON, LLC / MICHAEL CAMPBELL, TREASURER

i. Mr. Michael McLeish, Santilli & Thomson, LLC

- *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2023 financial report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
- *Informed the Board that while the school waits for receipt of certain federal funding, certain vendors are on hold; however, basic costs and services are being met;*
- *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the disbursements;*
- *Informed the Board that cash was at \$82k;*
- *Anticipated that bond requirements will be met;*
- *Informed the Board that ~\$1M in ESSER funding is incoming, made recommendations related to measuring date lapsing, and noted that cash basis and debt service coverage ratio are the relevant financial markers that are reviewed;*
- *Discussed current SPED reimbursement system and changes that have been discussed in Harrisburg.*

F. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT – CHATARA BENSON, BOARD MEMBER / DR. NAOMI JOHNSON-BOOKER, CEO

MR. MICHAEL WILLIS JOINED MEETING @ 7:33PM

i. Mr. Chatara Benson and Mr. Michael Willis

- *Informed the Board of how fundraised money is being used for traveling purposes;*
- *Informed the Board of upcoming October 10th fundraiser;*
- *With Mr. David Poindexter, discussed prior conversations with Ms. Dawn Chavous regarding fundraiser, recalling prior communications with her that she mentioned she would reach out to Mr. Willis regarding next steps.*

G. GENERAL COUNSEL – SAND & SAIDEL, P.C.

i. David Annecharico, Esq.

- *Reminded the Board that the law firm periodically sends out legal information emails and to follow-up with him if they are not receiving them.*

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

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R230427.03 Report of Michael McLeish of Santilli & Thomson, LLC, Business Controller

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School accepts the Financial Report of Michael McLeish of Santilli & Thomson, LLC, Business Controller, and all documents submitted by Santilli & Thomson, LLC, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230427.04 Human Resources Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School accepts the Human Resources changes, modifications, and additions, as presented.

NEW HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
None	None	None

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS/ LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
None	None	None

MOTION
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 CB
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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

R230427.05 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Professional Services Contract/s and associated report/s listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker, CEO is authorized and directed to negotiate contract/s for the professional services described below, in consultation with the Business Controller and General Counsel;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Global Academies is hereby designated as Global Leadership Academy Charter School’s agent and payment processor, subject to the Board’s independent oversight, and for purposes of effectuating this resolution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
ASPS, Inc.	Speech Language Pathology: \$76.00	Staffing services 2023-24 SY
	Occupational Therapy: \$76.00	
	Physical Therapy: \$76.00	
	Education Psychology: \$1,400.00	
	Educational Psychology: \$140.00	
Stepping Stones Group	Occupational Therapy – OT: \$92.00	Staffing services 2023-24 SY
	Physical Therapy – PT: \$97.00 – \$103.00	
	Counseling & Guidance: \$103.00	
	Psychological Services: \$108.00	

Psychological Services – Bilingual PSY: \$110.00 - \$120.00	
Nursing Services (CNS): \$86.00	
Nursing Services (RN): \$65.00 - \$75.00	
Nursing Services (LPN): \$43.00 - \$49.00	
Paraprofessional Services: \$43.00 - \$54.00	
Social Work Services: \$92.00 - \$103.00	
Speech Language Pathologist – SLP: \$92.00	
Speech Language Pathologist – Bilingual SLP: \$95.00 - \$100.00	
Special Education Teacher: \$86.00	

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

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R230427.06 Purchase Contract/s Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Purchase Contract/s and associated report/s listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker, CEO is authorized and directed to negotiate terms and conditions for the Purchase Contract/s described below, in consultation with the Business Controller and General Counsel;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Global Academies is hereby designated as Global Leadership Academy Charter School’s agent and payment processor, subject to the Board’s independent oversight, and for purposes of effectuating this resolution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

MOTION:
MD
SECOND:
CB
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

R230427.07 Approval of 2023-24 School Year Calendar

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves of the 2023-24 School Year Calendar, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>N.Booker</i>	<i>Shared changes occurring for next year.</i>

MOTION:
CB
SECOND:
MC
VOTE:
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R230427.08 Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student No. 9405594

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves of the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student No. 9405594

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Dr. Booker:*

Noted upcoming Trustee elections and that the Boards need more Trustees.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON MAY 18, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:14PM

MOTION:

MD

SECOND:

DP

VOTE:

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