

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

MARCH 23, 2023

6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Opening Colloquy*

This March 23, 2023 meeting of the Global Leadership Academy Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to order. The time is 6:04 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**

| <b>Board Members Present</b>   | <b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members in Attendance:</b>   |
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| Mr. Lorenzo Hough (“LH”) – President<br>Mr. David Poindexter (“DP”) – Vice President<br>Mr. Michael Campbell (“MC”) – Treasurer<br>Ms. Monika Davis (“MD”) – Secretary<br>Mr. Eugene Golson (“EG”) | Orrika Blanding-Choice<br>Dr. Tamika Evans<br><br>Dr. Lisa Bell-Chiles<br>Kimberly Kennedy<br>Rochelle Singleton<br>Linda Thomas |
| <b>Board Members Absent</b><br>Ms. Chatara Benson (“CB”)<br>Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker – CEO (Non-Voting Member)   | Trina Jones<br>Bar-Rae Choice<br><br>Michael McLeish – Business Controller<br><br>David Annecharico, Esq.<br>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:  
MONIKA DAVIS  
SECOND:  
DAVID POINDETER  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
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**R230323.01 Approval of the March 23, 2023 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby approves the March 23, 2023 Agenda.

**Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:**

| <i>Who</i>   | <i>What</i>               |
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| <i>Board</i> | <i>General discussion</i> |

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:  
MD  
SECOND:  
DP  
VOTE:

**R230323.02 Approval of the February 23, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School.

[X] PASS

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*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

| <i>Who</i>   | <i>What</i>               |
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| <i>Board</i> | <i>General discussion</i> |

**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. *Mr. Bar-Rae Choice—Chief of School Operations of Global Academies*

I. *Shared with the Boards the environmental health & safety report for GLASW, noting prior report met air quality standards and preliminary findings of recent inspection revealed no hazards found and building was safe to occupy.*

**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> |
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**C. BOARD PRESIDENT – LORENZO HOUGH, PRESIDENT**

i. *None*

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

i. *Dr. Tamika Evans, CEO of GLASW, and Ms. Orrika Blanding-Choice, Interim Assistant Principal of GLA.*

- *Shared with the Boards scholar enrollment data for both schools;*
- *Shared cultural events occurring at the schools;*
- *Shared with the Boards updates on upcoming excursions; and*

- *Dr. Evans Expressed appreciation for Ms. Blanding-Choice providing additional support; and*
- *Shared with the Board updates the high school application.*

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

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

- *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the February 2023 financial report; and*
- *Shared with the Board the subsidy rate changes over the past 20 years, noting generally a 3% increase for GenEd and 5% increase for SPED; however, in 2023 it decreased due to the district having lower expenses in operating budget as a result of it being subsidized with ESSER funds. Despite this, Mr. McLeish suggested that due to recent reports regarding the SDP’s budget showing increased cost, the expected lower subsidy may be mitigated;*
- *Discussed with the Board the impact of enrollment on the budget.*

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

*i. Mr. David Poindexter and Ms. Linda Thomas*

- *Discussed with the Boards fundraising efforts, noting upcoming popcorn fundraiser with a goal of \$5,000 profit; and*
- *Shared with the Board a recent fundraising survey.*

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

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:  
MIGUEL DIAZ  
  
SECOND:  
MICHELLE  
CAMPELLONE  
  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R230323.03 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:***

| <b><i>Who</i></b> | <b><i>What</i></b> |
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MOTION:  
MIGUEL DIAZ  
SECOND:  
MICHELLE  
CAMPELLONE  
VOTE:  
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**R230323.04 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.

| <b>NEW HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE</b> |              |                   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>NAME</b>                          | <b>TITLE</b> | <b>START DATE</b> |
| None                                 | None         | None              |

| <b>TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS/ LOA</b> |              |                       |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| <b>NAME</b>                             | <b>TITLE</b> | <b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> |
| Shadiyah Payne<br>(terminated)          | S3           | 2/22/2023             |
| John Wright<br>(resignation)            | IA           | 1/30/2023             |

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

| <b>Who</b> | <b>What</b> |
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| None       | None        |

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**R230323.05 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.

| <b>Contractor</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b> |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| None              | None          | None                                 |

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

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| <i>None</i> | <i>None</i> |

**R230323.06 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.

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

***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

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

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Mr. David Poindexter expressed thanks to Ms. Blanding-choice for her support to the school during 2022-23 SY.*

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 27, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

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**ADJOURNMENT @ 7:30PM**

MOTION:  
DAVID POINDEXTER

SECOND:  
MICHELLE CAMPellone

VOTE:

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