

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY  
CHARTER SCHOOL  
4601 W. GIRARD AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19131

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

LOCATION:  
4601 W. GIRARD AVE., PHILADELPHIA, PA 19131  
&  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Opening Colloquy*

This September 7, 2023 meeting of the Global Leadership Academy Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to order. The time is 6:06 p.m. My name is Chatara Benson. I serve as President to this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

This is a public meeting that was properly noticed in the Scoop USA Media 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>
Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker – CEO (Non-Voting Member)	Dr. Tamika Evans
Ms. Chatara Benson (“CB”) – President	Shoshana Saunderson
Mr. David Poindexter (“DP”) – Vice President	Dr. Lisa Bell-Chiles
Mr. Eugene Golson (“EG”)- Secretary	Kimberly Kennedy
Ms. Cyra Copeland (“CC”)	Linda Thomas
Mr. Russell Dinkins (“RD”)	Rochelle Singleton
Ms. Cheryl A. Nelson (“CN”)	Marcia Barnett
	Whitney Jones
	Trina Jones
<b>Board Members Absent</b>	Michael Whisman
	David Annecharico, Esq.
	Dean Krebs, Esq.
	Michael Blide
	Jose Porilla
	Grace ____ CSO
	April Witherspoon
	Luc Sigaud

**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:

DP

SECOND:

CN

NOTE:

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**R230907.01 Approval of the September 7, 2023 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby approves the September 7, 2023 Agenda.

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

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:

EG

SECOND:

DP

VOTE:

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**R230907.02 Approval of the August 3, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the August 3, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School.

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Board	General discussion

**SECTION II: REPORTS**

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

**i. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SCHOOLS**

**• Network Schools Report, Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker**

1. *Informed the Boards that the start of the school year is going smoothly; and*
2. *Informed the Boards that GLASW’s updated HVAC has allowed the school to stay open.*

**• GLA and GLASW CEO reports**

1. *Dr. Tamika Evans, CEO of GLASW; Ms. Shoshana Saunderson, Principal of GLA; and Zenobia Story, Assistant Principal of GLASW*
  - I. *Shared scholar enrollment with the Boards, noting goal is to overenroll slightly due to transient nature of the communities;*
  - II. *Shared special services report with the Boards;*
  - III. *Shared Professional Developments with the Boards that is occurring, including sharing coaching sessions;*
  - IV. *Shared curriculum with the Boards, such as Illustrative Math, Wit & Wisdom, Amplify Science, etc;*
  - V. *Shared with the Boards the implementation of the Algebra 1 program, noting 15 scholars are in the program at GLASW and 7 in GLA, and that GLA and GLASW are the leading schools in this program;*
  - VI. *Informed the Boards that GLA and GLASW were chosen as part of the pilot program through AACSA,*

*with GLA as the Saturday morning site for all participating schools;*

VII. *Shared family and community engagement programs with the Board, including discussing parent ambassador committee, taco tuesday, community gardens, and donations from local business/organizations such as Chase Bank,*

VIII. *Informed the Boards of each school's yearly theme.*

**B. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

None

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

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

**C. BOARD PRESIDENT – CHATARA BENSON, PRESIDENT**

*i. Welcomed Mr. Michael Whisman and members from the CSO's office.*

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

*i. As discussed above.*

**E. FINANCIAL REPORT – CHARTER CHOICES / MICHAEL CAMPBELL, TREASURER**

*i. Michael Whisman, Charter Choices*

- *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the September 2023 financial report, previously disseminated to the Board.*
- *Informed the Board of ongoing process of transferring from prior financial manager;*
- *Informed the Board of lower cash because payments were made towards liabilities, such as payroll;*
- *Informed the Board that SDP pays for July, August, September based on June enrollment and then there will be a reconciliation*
- *Provided the Board an overview of the information that Charter Choice will give to the Board ;*
- *Informed the Board that the Audit has started*

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

*i. Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker and Mr. Poindexter discussed upcoming fundraisers, including golf outing and a meeting to discuss Spring event.*

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

*i. Mr. David Annecharico*

- Reviewed and discussed with the Board the shared resources folder;
- Discussed recent professional development Board retreat that Boards engaged in.

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

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**R230907.03 Report of Charter Choices, Inc., Business Controller**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School accepts the Financial Report of Charter Choices, Inc, Business Controller, and all documents submitted by Charter Choices, Inc., which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting.

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Board	General discussion

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**R230907.04 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 HIRE / RATE CHANGE/ POSITION CHANGE</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>START DATE</b>
Tee Morgan (new hire)	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA	8/9/2023

<b>RESIGNATION / TERMINATION / LOA</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Kyerra Aimes (resignation)	Teacher	8/2/2023
Lethett Jackson (resignation)	IA	8/1/2023

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Board	General discussion

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VOTE:

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**R230907.05 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 any officer of this Board is directed, or the CEO, and authorized to execute any document necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Community Council Education Services	\$19,500.00/student	2023-24 SY  Educational placement services  Discounted rate for three (3) or more students.  Related services are an additional cost.
Procare Therapy	Hourly fee based on specific requested professional, ranging from \$55.00 - \$90.00/hr	2023-24 SY  SPED Staffing services; see contract for specific services and costs.
Team Tutor	Hourly fee based on specific requested professional, ranging from \$50.00 - \$85.00/hr	2023-24 SY  Tutoring services; see contract for specific services and costs.
Therapy Source	Hourly fee based on specific requested professional, ranging	2023-24 SY  SPED Staffing services; see

	from \$42.00 - \$127.50/hr	contract for specific services and costs.
Global Academies	TBD	Vendor services agreement

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

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

NONE

**R230907.06 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 any officer of this Board , or the CEO, 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:**

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

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**R230907.07 Resignation Acceptance of Lorenzo Hough**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School accepts the resignation of Mr. Lorenzo Hough from the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School, effective September 1, 2023.

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
<i>C. Benson</i>	<i>Expressed appreciation for his extensive years of service working with the school.</i>

**UPON MOTION BY DAVID POINDEXTER AND SECOND BY RUSSEL DINKINS, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO ENTER**

MOTION:  
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SECOND:  
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INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 PA.C.S. § 708(A)(4) AND FOR OTHER CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS. SPECIFICALLY, TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION R230907.08 AND R230907.09 BELOW WHICH EACH PERTAIN TO AN ALLEGED COMPENSATORY EDUCATION CLAIM.

UPON MOTION BY EUGENE GOLSON AND SECOND BY DAVID POINDEXTER, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

**R230907.08 Approval of Confidential Settlement and Trust Agreement re: Student No. 9456684**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the Confidential Settlement and Trust Agreement re: Student No. 9456684, as presented.

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

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

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**R230907.09 Approval of Confidential Settlement and Trust Agreement re: Student No. 10040844**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the Confidential Settlement and Trust Agreement re: Student No. 10040844, as presented.

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

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

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Dr. Booker:*

*+ Informed the Board that the 2022-23 Annual Charter Evaluation was disseminated to the Board for their review.*

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M at GLASW

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**ADJOURNMENT @ 8:17PM**

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VOTE:

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