

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY  
CHARTER SCHOOL

4601 W. GIRARD AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19131

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

LOCATION:  
2000 BELMONT MANSION DRIVE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19131  
&  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME  
JUNE 22, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Opening Colloquy*

This June 22, 2023 meeting of the Global Leadership Academy Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to order. The time is 6:13 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>
Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker – CEO (Non-Voting Member)	Dr. Tamika Evans
Mr. Lorenzo Hough (“LH”) – President	Dr. Lisa Bell-Chiles
Mr. David Poindexter (“DP”) – Vice President	Michael Willis
Ms. Monika Davis (“MD”) – Secretary	Kimberly Kennedy
Mr. Eugene Golson (“EG”)	Linda Thomas
<b>Board Members Absent</b>	Rochelle Singleton
Mr. Michael Campbell (“MC”) – Treasurer	Bar-Rae Choice
Ms. Chatara Benson (“CB”)	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:  EG  SECOND:  DP  VOTE:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASS  <input type="checkbox"/> FAIL	<p><b>R230622.01 Approval of the June 22, 2023 Agenda</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby approves the June 22, 2023 Agenda.</p> <p><i>Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <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><i>Board</i></td> <td><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:  EG  SECOND:  DP  VOTE:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASS  <input type="checkbox"/> FAIL	<p><b>R230622.02 Approval of the May 18, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the May 18, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School.</p> <p><i>Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:</i></p>
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**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. Naomi Johnson-Booker*

- I. Informed the Boards of the recent resignation of Michael McLeish from Santilli & Thomson, LLC;*
- II. Informed the Boards of date changes to GLA and GLASW Board meetings going forward: from being on last Thursday to being the first thursday;*
- III. Updated the Board of the candidate search process for new Trustees;*
- IV. Introduced Mr. Whitney Jones and “Dickens” as being present during tonight’s meeting and encouraged all Trustees to converse with them; and*
- V. Discussed updates on acquiring next door properties.*

*2. Mr. Bar-rae Choice*

- I. Shared facility report with the Boards, which included noting that:*
  - i. The majority of work this summer is with GLA, such as main office expansion, tech lab, and other rooms. The start date of construction will be July 24<sup>th</sup>; and*
  - ii. At GLASW, the school is undergoing the last phase of HVAC, though noted some delays with procurement but they recently received/ installed the equipment; described certain work for in-rooms duct work on 4<sup>th</sup> floor.*

**B. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

*None*

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

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

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

*i. Mr. Lorenzo Hough*

- *Expressed appreciation for those able to come in-person;*
- *indicated bringing on new Board members will help with fundraising;*
- *Expressed he was looking forward to a Board training or a retreat*
- *Shared recruitment efforts and that people have spoken highly about the culture at the school*

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

**i. SHARED THAT**

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

*i. Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker, CEO*

- *Discussed the current financial reports with the Board;*
- *Informed that the Board that the school had 638 students enrolled in May, 79 SPED, and informed the Board of the number of students SDP provided a subsidy for, noting some students are out of district.*
- *Informed the Board that the school had \$1.2M cash; will be lower in August since PSEERS will be paid; and*
- *Informed the Board that there was \$400,000 in foundation fund.*

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

*i. Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker*

- *Informed the Board of the fundraising events coming up, including the October 10<sup>th</sup> golf outing.*

*ii. Mr. David Poindexter*

- *Recommend fundraising committee meet in September to plan for the following year to avoid funding scheduling challenges that happened this year*

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

*i. David Annecharico, Esq.*

- *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the resolutions on the Agenda, as well as recent litigation involving charter schools.*

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

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**R230622.03 Report of Santilli & Thomson, LLC, Business Controller**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School accepts the Financial Report 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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**R230622.04 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>
None	None	None

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

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**R230622.05 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
Charter Choices	\$75,000/year	Business Controller Services 3-Year Term
Team Cleaning	\$12,147.97/month	Facility cleaning services 2023-24 SY

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

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**R230622.06 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>

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

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

MOTION:

MD

SECOND:

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VOTE:

[X] PASS

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**R230622.07 Approval of Board Terms**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the current Board terms, as presented below, and re-elects Ms. Chatara Benson and Mr. Eugene Golston to the Board of Trustees:

- Mr. Lorenzo Hough: 7/1/21 – 6/30/24
- Mr. David Poindexter: 7/1/22 – 6/30/25
- Mr. Michael Campbell: 7/1/22 – 6/30/25
- Ms. Monika Davis: 7/1/21 – 6/30/24
- Ms. Chatara Benson: 7/1/23 – 6/30/26
- Mr. Eugene Golson: 7/1/23 – 6/30/26

**ROLL CALL:**

- Mr. Lorenzo Hough: aye
- Mr. David Poindexter: aye
- Mr. Michael Campbell: absent
- Ms. Monika Davis: aye
- Ms. Chatara Benson: absent
- Mr. Eugene Golson: aye

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

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

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VOTE:

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**R230622.08 Approval of Board Officers**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the Board officers for the term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, as presented:

<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>NAME</b>
PRESIDENT	<i>Chatara Benson</i>
VICE-PRESIDENT	<i>David Poindexter</i>
TREASURER	<i>Michael Campbell</i>
SECRETARY	<i>Eugene Golson</i>

**ROLL CALL:**

- Mr. Lorenzo Hough: aye
- Mr. David Poindexter: aye
- Mr. Michael Campbell: absent
- Ms. Monika Davis: aye
- Ms. Chatara Benson: absent
- Mr. Eugene Golson: aye

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Board discussed nominations of the above described Trustees to serve in their respective role.</i>

MOTION:

**R230622.09 Termination of Contract**

MD

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby terminates the Agreement between it and Santilli & Thomson, LLC effective August 1, 2023.

SECOND:

DP

VOTE:

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

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MOTION:

**R230622.10 Board Meeting Calendar**

MD

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby sets the following calendar for 2023/2024:

SECOND:

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VOTE:

- August 3, 2023
- September 7, 2023
- October 5, 2023
- November 2, 2023
- January 4, 2024
- February 1, 2024
- March 7, 2024
- April 4, 2024
- May 2, 2024
- June 6, 2024

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Noted this reflects a change to first Thursday of the month.</i>

MOTION:

**R230622.11 Approval of Preliminary Review of 4445 W. Girard Ave.**

MD

WHEREAS, a building located at 4445 W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19104 is adjacent to Global Leadership Academy Charter School's property (the "Property");

SECOND:

EG

VOTE:

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WHEREAS, acquiring and utilizing the Property could promote the educational mission of Global Leadership Academy Charter School;

WHEREAS, in order to determine whether the acquisition of the Property is advisable at this time, preliminary reviews, investigation, and due diligence is required (the "Preliminary Review").

RESOLVED, the CEO, in consultation with General Counsel, is authorized and directed to execute any document, and take any action, necessary to effectuate a Preliminary Review of the Property, including the expenditure of reasonable expenses.

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

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

**Ms. Chatara Benson, Trustee, joined the meeting at 8:29pm**

**UPON MOTION BY DAVID POINDEXTER AND SECOND BY MONIKA DAVIS, THE BOARD ENTERED CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES UNDER 65 PA.C.S. §708(A)(7) TO DISCUSS R230622.12 WHICH CONCERNS THE REPORT PROVIDED UNDER 24 P.S. §13-1309-B(C)(5) AND 24 P.S. §13-1302-E(A)(2)(V)(VI).**

**UPON MOTION BY DAVID POINDEXTER, AND SECOND BY MONIKA DAVIS, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.**

MOTION:

**R230622.12 Approval of Safety, Security, and Threat Report**

DP

SECOND:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the Safety, Security, and Threat Report, as presented.

MD

VOTE:

PASS

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

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

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT @ \_\_\_\_\_**

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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