



**Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Via Videoconference**

MINUTES

Participants: Glen Howard, Chair
Scott Bess
Michelle Gilliard
Evelyn Lee
Lisa Mallory
Catherine Meloy
Joseph Myrie
Alonzo Person
April Young

The following staff members were also present: Chelsea Kirk, Colleen Paletta, Rosa Proctor Elizabeth Rienzo, Jeffrey Rostand, and Josh Wallish. Ms. Rienzo recorded the minutes of the meeting.

In Mr. Howard's absence, Mr. Bess called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bess asked for any proposed corrections or other revisions to the March 12, 2024 Board meeting minutes. There being none and, upon motion duly made and seconded, the **Board unanimously approved the minutes by roll call vote.**

Mission Moment

Dr. Kirk spotlighted board members Joseph Myrie and Alonzo Person, both scheduled to graduate on July 12th, and thanked them for their service on the Board.

Dr. Kirk shared information regarding the EXCEL Expo scheduled for June 13th.

Financial Report

Ms. Proctor presented the year-to-date April 2024 financials, highlighting several items of particular importance. Discussion followed with Ms. Proctor responding to questions.

Management Agreement

Mr. Howard joined the meeting. Mr. Wallish and Ms. Proctor presented a proposed revised Management Agreement with Goodwill of Greater Washington (“GGW”) and explained that the Agreement’s management fee is based on GGW’s actual expenses to provide services to GEC. Mr. Wallish reminded the Board that the Management Agreement is a “conflicting interest contract” under Public Charter School Board policy because three members of the GEC board are also on GGW’s board. After discussion, the Disinterested Board Members (Mr. Bess, Dr. Gilliard, Mr. Myrie, Mr. Person, and Ms. Young) **unanimously approved the following resolution by roll call vote:**

- (a) the Management Agreement is found to be fair to the Goodwill Excel Center because:
 1. the staffing structure is reasonable,
 2. the total fee is reasonable in light of the scope of services, and
 3. the total fee is significantly less than the Goodwill Excel Center would pay if it had to hire staff to provide the same quality of management as is provided by GGW under the Management Agreement; and
- (b) the Management Agreement is approved

Year of Investment in the Organization

Mss. Paletta and Proctor presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025, explaining that it reflects an effort to utilize some of GEC’s cash reserves to increase investment in the areas of:

- Instruction
- Student Support
- Recruitment
- Facilities and Technology

Discussion followed, with Mss. Paletta and Proctor responding to numerous questions. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the **Board unanimously approved the FY2025 budget by roll call vote.**

Operations Update and Other Matters

Ms. Paletta and Dr. Kirk provided an update on school operations, focusing on the following:

- YTD Goals
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation
- GGW Efforts to Establish an Excel Center in Prince George’s County (for information only)
- Graduation – July 12, 2024, at the Music Center at Strathmore Hall

Discussion followed with Ms. Paletta and Dr. Kirk responding to questions.

Governance

Two current GEC students were submitted to the Board for consideration as new student board members:

- Dawn Bowen (at the 1201 Maryland campus)
- Shareena Munford (at the 1776 G campus)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the **Board unanimously elected the two students to the Board by roll call vote.**

Mr. Howard again thanked Messrs. Myrie and Person for their participation on the Board.

Public Comment

No one from the public attended the meeting.

Mr. Howard adjourned the meeting at 11:14 am.

Scott Bess
Acting Secretary