

**Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School Board Meeting
West Columbia, South Carolina
May 16, 2026**

1. Call to order

Chris Greer called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Those present included the following:

- Board members: Michael Boulware, Chris Greer, Genia Kearney, Oliver Moore, Danette Lifsey, Troy Williamson, and Al Stevens.
- GCA staff: Dr. Brian Newsome, Casey Hallman, Marty Rawls, and Kevin Heise
- Other: Jay Ragley

2. Mission statement

The GCA mission statement was read by Chris Greer.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Genia Kearney made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Michael Boulware seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the minutes of March 23, 2026, board meeting

Al Stevens motioned to approve the minutes as written. Genia Kearney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to approve the board minutes as written.

5. Public Participation

The official meeting of the board is by law a public meeting and the board values citizens input; however, in order to protect the integrity of the adopted agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the "public comments" section of the agenda or as directed by the board chairman.

Each speaker has two minutes.

Speakers may not ask questions of board members.

Board members may not engage speakers in discussion.

Disruptive behavior is not permitted.

Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.

Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any Board member is not permitted.

No public participation.

6. Actions Taken

No Actions taken.

7. Information Reports Presented

- a. Dr. Brian Newsome presented the Introduction & Principal's Report.
- b. Jay Ragley presented the Lobbyist Report (Legislative/SCHSL Updates).
- c. Kevin Heise presented the Athletic Report.
- d. Dr. Brian Newsome presented the Academic highlights.
- e. Marty Rawls presented the Financial / Budget Report.

8. Adjournment

Danette Lifsey made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. and was seconded by Troy Williamson.