

**Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School Board Meeting**  
**West Columbia, South Carolina**  
**January 15, 2026**

**1. Call to order**

Pennie Peagler 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, Pennie Peagler, Troy Williamson, and Al Stevens.
- GCA staff: Dr. Brian Newsome, Casey Hallman, and Marty Rawls.

**2. Mission statement**

The GCA mission statement was read by Pennie Peagler.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**4. Executive Session**

Chris Greer motioned to move into executive session at 8:02 a.m. and was seconded by Al Stevens. Chris Greer motioned to move out of executive session at 9:56 a.m. and was seconded by Genia Kearney.

**5. Actions as a Result of Executive Session**

1. Chris Greer made a motion to approve Dr. Newsome to negotiate and execute the operating lease agreement in Columbia as discussed in executive session to include the payment for operating the new school. Al Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Al Stevens made a motion to approve a grade-level expansion to include grades K5-4 (Grade 5 has already been approved). Chris Greer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Adjournment**

Chris Greer made a motion to adjourn at 9:57 a.m. and was seconded by Genia Kearney.