

Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School Board Meeting
West Columbia, South Carolina
January 29, 2024

1. Call to order:

Pennie Peagler called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Those present included the following:

- Board members: Wayne McKim, Andy Markl, Penny Peagler, Matt Cunningham, Chris Greer and Mackenzie Long joined by phone.
- GCA staff: Dr. Brian Newsome and Casey Hallman
- Other: Marty Rawls, Jay Matthews, Cameron Runyan and Kristin Olcott

2. Mission statement read by Pennie Peagler.

3. Adoption of agenda:

Wayne McKim moved to adopt the agenda as posted and Matt Cunningham seconded the motion.

4. Board Nominations:

- Pennie Peagler was unanimously elected as chairperson in lieu of Teresa Brazell's resignation.
- Andy Markl was nominated as vice chair. The motion was made by Matt Cunningham and seconded by Wayne McKim.
- Mackenzie Long was nominated as secretary/treasurer. She will also be appointed for the next 2 years and will not have to re-run in April. The motion was made by Wayne McKim and seconded by Matt Cunningham.
- Board elections will be held April 26 to fill 2 spots with Matt Cunningham running for a second term.

5. Approval of minutes from October 23 board meeting:

Matt Cunningham motioned to approve the minutes from the October 23rd board meeting and was seconded by Andy Markl.

6. Charter Renewal:

Cameron Runyan and Kristin Olcott from The Charter Institute at Erskine made a presentation regarding the charter renewal. Andy Markl made a motion for Pennie Peagler to sign the agreement with The Charter Institute at Erskine to authorize Gray Collegiate Academy for the next 10 years and was seconded by Matt Cunningham.

7. Executive session:

Chris Greer motioned to move into executive session and was seconded by Andy Markl. Matt Cunningham motioned to move out of executive session and was seconded by Chris Greer.

8. Actions as result of executive session:

- Chris Greer motioned to move the March board meeting from the 25th to the 11th and was seconded by Andy Markl.
- Wayne McKim motioned to approve hiring Marty Rawls as a part time employee for finance until a suitable permanent replacement can be found for the CFO position and was seconded by Pennie Peagler.

9. Action Items:

- Matt Cunningham motioned to approve the Academic Calendar for 2024-2025 and was seconded by Chris Greer.
- Andy Markl motioned to approve local board classes as presented and was seconded by Matt Cunningham.
- Matt Cunningham motioned to approve temporary remote staff positions (if necessary) and Chris Greer seconded the motion.

10. Principal & Athletic Report:

Dr. Brian Newsome presented the principal's report and updates on the athletic program. Matt Cunningham made a motion to approve Dr. Newsome to use funds to finish paving athletic road and add a speed bump and Wayne McKim seconded.

11. Financial Report:

Marty Rawls presented the financial report, including reports from December and an audit update.

12. Adjournment:

Andy Markl made a motion to adjourn at 2:13 p.m. and was seconded by Chris Greer.