

Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School Board Meeting
West Columbia, South Carolina
January 26, 2026

1. Call to order

Pennie Peagler called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Those present included the following:

- Board members: Michael Boulware, Chris Greer, Genia Kearney, Oliver Moore, Pennie Peagler, and Al Stevens.
- GCA staff: Dr. Brian Newsome, Casey Hallman, Marty Rawls, and Kevin Heise
- Other: Missy Blakefield and Jay Ragley

2. Mission statement

The GCA mission statement was read by Pennie Peagler.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Al Stevens made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Pennie Peagler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the minutes of October 27, 2025, board meeting

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

5. Approval of the minutes of January 15, 2026, board meeting

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

6. 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.

Ben and Krissie Boyes presented their concerns to the board regarding GCA's math policy and alignment with USC academic requirements. They also voiced their concerns over the response and timeliness of the GCA administration.

7. Actions Taken

- a. Pennie Peagler made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar. Michael Boulware seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Al Stevens made a motion to approve the Local Board Approved Courses. Chris Greer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Information Reports Presented

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

9. Adjournment

Al Stevens made a motion to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. and was seconded by Pennie Peagler.