



**Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GREENWOODS CHARTER SCHOOL
468 Domino Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19128
March 22, 2018 | 5:00 PM**

This special meeting was duly advertised in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

1. Call to Order/ Pledge to the Flag

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by Trustee Durso.

2. Members in Attendance:

Present: D. Durso; Reuben Mills, CEO; Jeffrey Stacey, O'Donnell Stacey, counsel to the Board.

Members Weikert, George, Smart were not present.

3. Receipt of Resignations

Action. To approve the resignations of Trustees Dawn Prall George (effective March 12, 2018), Jen Weikert (effective March 16, 2018), and Dr. Robbin Smart (effective March 12, 2018).

As the sole remaining board member, D. Durso authorized the above action approving the resignations of former members George, Weikert, and Smart.

4. Election of New Members

Resolved, to elect the following individuals to the Green Woods Charter School Board of Trustees:

Meg Perillo
Heather Cowley

Chelsea Badeau
Deena Benner

As the sole Board member, D. Durso authorized the above action electing the new members of the Board.

J. Stacey administered the Oath of Office to the new board members, who also signed the attached Oath of Office document.

5. Election of Officers

Action. To elect the following individuals to the following officer positions, effective immediately and until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor shall be duly elected and shall qualify:

President/Chair – Debi Durso
Treasurer – Meg Perillo

Motion: C. Badeau; seconded by D. Benner. Vote was 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

D. Durso stated that it was the Board’s intention that the Secretary and Vice-President offices be filled at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

6. Updates and Reports

- a. *Information.* Report from Trustees.

Durso, and each of the newly elected Trustees, gave a brief report to the public regarding their backgrounds, skillsets, and their hope for the future of the charter school. Copies of a document containing bios for all members were circulated among members of the public at the meeting, and is attached.

Durso addressed the Board’s immediate business which included recruitment of additional new board members, and that that Heather Cowley will head up the recruitment effort and bring new nominations before the Board. Durso also indicated that the new Trustees are each parents of one or more Green Woods students, and that she intends for the entire board to be filled with other individuals from outside the school community in addition to the core of parent board members. Durso asked that the community give the new Board time to calibrate and move forward positively.

Trustees Badeau, Benner, Cowley and Perillo each gave a brief address regarding their backgrounds, relevant experience, and hopes for the future of the school.

Durso thanked the previous Board members for their service and acknowledged that they provided the foundation on which the new Trustees will conduct their work.

b. *Information.* CEO Address from Reuben Mills.

CEO Mills gave a brief address including:

- *Thanking GWCS teacher C. Skladitis for helping construct GWCS's new summer school program with the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education. Mills stated that the program will include in-class instruction at GWCS and outdoor play at the Schuylkill Center.*
- *Announcement of a new partnership with NFTE (Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship)*
- *Expressing excitement for the inaugural Green Woods talent show taking place later that evening, for which students have been preparing for several months*
- *A brief update regarding Reading Olympics and an upcoming field day at the YMCA*

c. *Action.* To approve the reports above, as stated at the meeting and/or as attached.

Motion made by D. Benner; seconded by H. Cowley. Vote was 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

7. Other Matters/New Business

a. *Action.* To approve the School Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion made by M. Perillo; seconded by C. Badeau. Vote was 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

8. Public Comment

No individuals had signed up to speak by the designated time. At the beginning of the meeting, Durso addressed the public and indicated a new public comment email address (board@gwcs.org) was created to streamline requests for public comment.

9. Adjournment

a. *Action.* To adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by M. Perillo; seconded by C. Badeau. Vote was 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

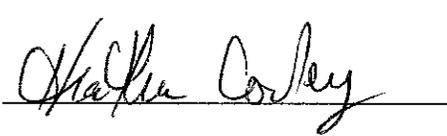
**OATH OF OFFICE
PURSUANT TO §1732-A OF ACT 22 OF 1997**

WE, the undersigned Board of Trustees of the **Green Woods Charter School**, each takes the following Oath of Office:

I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that I will faithfully, impartially, and justly discharge the duties of a Trustee of the Green Woods Charter School to the best of my ability.

I further swear that I possess the qualifications of membership as may be prescribed by law, and that having taken the foregoing oath, I hereby signify my acceptance of public office.

Note: Trustees participating in the meeting via conference call (if any) are identified below.

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Sworn and subscribed before me this

22nd day of March, 2018.

 Signature	<u>counsel to board</u> Office
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MEET THE GWCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CHELSEA BADEAU

Chelsea Badeau is a Senior Director at Comcast. She has been with Comcast since 2003 and in a leadership role for over a decade. She has extensive experience with performance management, budget planning and oversight, as well as implementing processes and best practices based on data. Chelsea has served on the boards for The Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia, West Mount Airy Neighbors (WMAN), Women in Cable Telecommunications (WICT) Philadelphia and Need In Deed's classroom partnership advisory board. During her time on these boards, she worked on childcare analysis, event planning and fundraising, as well as marketing and communications. She currently serves on Session, the governing body for her church, Summit Presbyterian Church, where she also teaches Sunday School. Chelsea is an Americorps alum, a member of the FBI Citizens Academy and part of Leadership Philadelphia's "Top 101 Emerging Connectors." Chelsea is a journalist and a published author. She has an extensive background in creating and teaching art, including painting murals in the Philadelphia Family Courthouse and in Kenya, as well as leading group painting sessions around the country on stress management techniques for caregivers of children who have experienced trauma. Chelsea graduated from Arcadia University in 2003 with a B.A. She lives in Roxborough, and has two daughters attending Green Woods in first and seventh grades. Her family has been with Green Woods since 2010.

DEENA BENNER

Deena Benner is an independent Executive Coach and Organizational Effectiveness Consultant. She works with both for profit and non-profit organizations helping leaders to be more effective, creating organizational awareness and improving workplace communications. Deena designs and leads seminars and work place interventions to help organizations grow, change and thrive. She serves as a volunteer with NFTE, an organization that teaches entrepreneurial skills to High School Students and with The Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians, an organization whose mission is accelerating immigrant integration and economic advancement through education and training, employment, and entrepreneurship. Deena holds a B.A and an Masters in Organizational Behavior both from the University of Pennsylvania. She has done certification work at the Teleos Leadership Institute, The Gestalt Institute and in the area of leadership embodiment. She lives in West Mt Airy and her twin boys, now 12, have been at Greenwoods since Kindergarten.

HEATHER COWLEY

Heather Cowley is the Regional Energy Manager for the Southeast Regional Office of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and has been with the DEP since 1994. There she has developed, coordinated and conducted multiple outreach efforts to a variety of industries on pollution prevention, renewable energy, energy efficiency and climate change. One of her main responsibilities is leading the DEP's efforts around green schools ranging from building management to teacher training. She also has extensive experience managing grant contracts and creating outreach materials for the DEP's Energy Program. Heather has served on East Falls Tree Tenders, as a Girl Scout Troop Leader, and at her church, East Falls Presbyterian, as the garden committee chair, nursery and teacher aide and as a Deacon. Currently she is Vice President of the Green Woods PTA, where she has also served as President and Events Chair. During her work in these community roles, she has developed governance documents including standing rules and committee handbooks and she has extensive experience with coaching and coordinating other volunteers. Heather graduated from Westminster College with a B.S. in Environmental Science. She and her husband live in East Falls, and they have a daughter and son attending Green Woods in fourth and second grades. Her family has been with Green Woods since 2013.

DEBI DURSO

Debi Durso brings nearly twenty years of experience in both Philadelphia public schools and charter schools to the Green Woods Charter School Board of Trustees. Debi has served in a variety of roles at Mastery Charter Schools, a network of 26 schools in Philadelphia and Camden, since 2005; those roles include teaching and leading at both elementary and secondary schools. Since 2013, Debi has served as a Regional Schools Officer, where she is responsible for the management and coaching of school principals. In addition to her daily work with principals, Debi leads professional development sessions focused on best practices in classroom management, curriculum execution, and leadership development for both teachers and educational leaders. Prior to her work at Mastery Charter Schools, Debi worked as an English teacher in the School District of Philadelphia and a College Coordinator for Philadelphia Futures. Debi holds a B.A. in English from Shippensburg University, an M.S. in Counseling from Widener University, and an M.S. in Educational Leadership from Chestnut Hill College. She lives in Andorra and two of her four children currently attend Green Woods Charter School. Her family has been with Green Woods since 2012.

MEG PERILLO

Meg Perillo is an independent consultant, with 20 years' experience in Behavioral Health. Meg works with Administrators from Montgomery County's Health and Human Services, Offices of Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Drug & Alcohol, and Managed Care Solutions. She provides leadership and consultation for the oversight, development, coordination and implementation of services to Montgomery County adults, young-adults, children, and families. Meg has managed several County transformational initiatives, including: crisis and diversion, state hospital closure, case management, residential, housing, peer support, criminal justice, and trauma-informed care. In her role, Meg works directly with various stakeholders around the community including police, emergency departments, hospitals, schools, courts, providers, individuals and families.

Prior to becoming a consultant, Meg was Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of PAHrtners Deaf Services, a community mental health center in Glenside, serving individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing throughout the South Eastern region. As VP/COO, she had oversight/supervision of outpatient, case management, day treatment, and interpreting programs; daily operations; business contracts; billing and payroll. Meg, fluent in American Sign Language, oversaw a multi-disciplinary team of over 90 staff, 80% of whom were deaf or hard of hearing.

Meg graduated from the University of Tennessee with a B.S. in Education and holds an M.A. in Counseling from Arcadia University. Married to a Roxborough native, Meg has lived in Andorra for nearly 20 years and enjoys raising her two boys (1st and 4th) between the banks of the Wissahickon Creek and the Schuylkill River.