

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL
4601 W. GIRARD AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
 JANUARY 23, 2017
 6:30 PM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Opening Colloquy

This January 23, 2017 meeting of the Global Leadership Academy Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to Order. The time is 6:37 pm. My name is Lorenzo Hough. I serve as President to this Board of Trustees and I will facilitate this meeting.

This is a public meeting that was properly noticed in the Philadelphia Daily News and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

All members of the public are welcome, to sit and listen to the board of trustees conduct its business tonight. Members of the public who have registered with the Administrative office to participate in public comment by 5 pm on the day before this scheduled meeting may participate in public comment. At this time, I would ask that executive administration submit the list of commenters to our legal counsel. Comments will be limited to three minutes unless the Board decides to grant additional time.

A. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present	By Invitation: Non-Board Members in Attendance:
Lorenzo Hough, President	Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker, CEO
Heloise Jettison, Vice-President	Gerald L. Santilli, Business Controller
Cheryl Mallory, Secretary	Daniel Saidel, Esq.
Michael Campbell	David Hussey, Esq.
	Shoshana Tyler, Principal
	Spencer Bruce
Board Members Absent	
Marie Simpkins, Treasurer	
Monika Davis	

B. PRESIDENT'S DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Lorenzo Hough: I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on January 23, 2017, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 P.S. § 708:

(x) Purchase or Lease of Real Property. To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease the real property is obtained or up to the time an agreement to purchase or lease such property is obtained if the agreement is obtained directly without an option.

(x) Consultation with Professional Advisor or Attorney. To consult with its attorney or other professional advisor regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION
Cheryl Mallory
SECOND
Michael Campbell
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R17012301 Approval of the January 23, 2017 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby approves the January 23, 2017 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
GLA's CEO and its Board	Reviewed the Board Agenda

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION
Cheryl Mallory
SECOND
Michael Campbell
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R17012302 Approval of November 28, 2016 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
GLA's CEO and its Board	Reviewed the November 28, 2016 Board Minutes

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good Evening, my name is Daniel Saidel. I serve as General Counsel to the Global Leadership Academy Charter School Board of Trustees. Will you please state your name for our records?

You will have three minutes to address the Board of Trustees. Any documents or communications that you might supplement your comment with should be submitted to me. I will keep the time and notify the board when three minutes have elapsed.

This Board may choose not to comment, question or respond in any way to your public comment. I will begin the time now.

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Danielle Tucker-Mills</i>	<i>Reported concerns regarding the lack of crossing guards and traffic controls in front of the school.</i>

B. Board President – Lorenzo Hough, President

Reported that Global Leadership Academy Charter School is looking forward to its tenth calendar year of operations, and that the school will focus heavily on fundraising this year.

C. Chief Executive Officer - Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker, CEO

Dr. Johnson-Booker reviewed with the Board the written CEO report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Dr. Johnson-Booker additionally reported upon the following:

- + Student Discipline: suspensions have decreased this school year due to the school's restorative practices approach to discipline and practice of inviting parents to discuss student disciplinary matters;*
- + Upcoming Events: High Achievers celebration event on January 26 at the Belmont Mansion, Daddy-Daughter dance on February 10, School Choice Week during the week of January 23, and Valentine's Day Gala fundraiser event on February 11 at Belmont Mansion; and*
- + Fundraising: Global Leadership Academy Charter School will coordinate its fundraising efforts with Global Leadership Academy Charter School Southwest at Huey*

Dr. Booker, G. Santilli, and the Board discussed accounting procedures for fundraising revenues.

S. Tyler reported to the Board upon the school's ipad pilot program. Since the beginning of the school year, three classrooms have been equipped with ipad devices for all students. Teachers of the pilot classrooms have received targeted professional development in order to effectively use the ipads in order to engage students using the ipads. Results from the ipad pilot program have been highly positive, with students demonstrating on average more than one year of academic growth during the first half of the school year. In light of these results, school leadership is exploring an expansion of the ipad pilot program to three additional classrooms.

Ms. Tyler additionally reported to the Board upon the school's restorative practices approach to student discipline. The approach involves daily community-building activities and restorative circles which promote reflection among students. All teaching staff are in the process of

completing a four-part professional development series in restorative practices. Dr. Johnson-Booker discussed with the Board that the restorative practices approach offers a school culture building dynamic which is more productive than traditional disciplinary methods. Dr. Johnson-Booker also expressed optimism that the restorative practices approach will help build a stronger community among scholars and the school community.

D. General Counsel – Sand & Sidel P.C.

D. Sidel reported upon the following:

- + The importance of maintaining internal controls, particularly with activities performed by third-party contractors;*
- + The overtime rule changes which were previously scheduled to be enacted by the Obama Administration do not presently appear likely to take effect;*
- + Changes to the membership of the School Reform Commission; and*
- + Potential impacts from the education policies of the Trump Administration.*

E. Financial Report – Santilli & Thomson

G. Santilli reviewed with the Board the written financial report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:

- + The school is projected for a surplus of approximately \$461,000;*
- + Expenses for administrative supplies have been slightly over budget thus far; and*
- + It is anticipated that the School District may retroactively reduce subsidy payments, in which case the Charter School Law was amended in 2016 in order to allow the school to seek reimbursement.*

F. Facility Committee Report - Lorenzo Hough, President; Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker, CEO — None

G. Fundraising Committee Report - Heloise Jettison, Vice-President; Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker, CEO

Dr. Johnson-Booker reported that the committee is preparing for the school's April fundraising event, and that Dawn Charous is in the process of identifying a location for the event. Dr. Johnson-Booker discussed with the Board a potential planning session to discuss fundraising.

H. Management Report for Global Leadership Academy Charter School Southwest at Huey - Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker, CEO

Dr. Johnson-Booker reported upon the following:

- + Global Leadership Academy Charter School and Global Leadership Academy Charter School Southwest at Huey hosted a Hidden Figures film screening event for students;*
- + Global Leadership Academy Charter School Southwest at Huey scholars are coming into the GLA way, and restorative practices have been making an inroads with the scholars;*
- + Global Leadership Academy Charter School is assisting with plans to make needed repairs and additions to the Global Leadership Academy Charter School Southwest at Huey school building, and Dr. Johnson-Booker will request assistance from the School District of Philadelphia to correct infrastructure disrepair;*

+ Funding from the Philadelphia Schools Partnership is expected to be released to Global Leadership Academy Charter School Southwest at Huey soon

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS — NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

Report of Gerald Santilli of Santilli & Thomson, Business Controller

MOTION
Cheryl Mallory
SECOND
Michael Campbell
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R17012303 Report of Gerald Santilli of Santilli & Thomson, Business Controller

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School accepts the Financial Report of Gerald Santilli of Santilli & Thomson, Business Controller and all documents submitted by Santilli & Thomson, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Gerald Santilli, GLA's CEO and its board</i>	<i>The board reviewed the Financial Reports distributed by Gerald Santilli of Santilli & Thomson, Business Controller.</i>

PERSONNEL

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R17012304 Human Resources Resolution - Dr. Naomi Johnson-Booker, CEO

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Global Leadership Academy Charter School accepts the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — NONE

C. THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017 AT 4601 W. GIRARD AVENUE PHILADELPHIA PA.

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:57 PM

MOTION

MICHAEL
CAMPBELL

SECOND

CHERYL
MALLORY

VOTE:
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 FAIL