

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

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**Regular Meeting
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

Approved

DATE: January 9, 2023
TIME: 5:30 p.m. / a.m.
LOCATION: George Washington Carver Academy
14510 2nd Avenue
Highland Park, MI 48203

MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: **REGULAR** **SPECIAL** **APPROVED** **PROPOSED**

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m./ a.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Jamille Edwards, President, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Mrs. Kenya Ruth, Vice President, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Mr. Gerrajh Surlis, Secretary, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Mr. Desmond Gibbons, Treasurer, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Ms. Sharmaine Robinson, Member, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Sylvia Brown, Superintendent/CAO, GWCA
Ms. Morenike Hood, Principal, GWCA

OTHERS PRESENT (all or part of the meeting)

Mrs. Karla McGhee, Board Liaison, GWCA
Kirby Doidge, Finances, MM1
Mr. Mark Nezich, Bay Mills Community College Charter Schools Board of Regents,
Brimley, Michigan
Mark Price, Highland Park School Board representative

The proposed agenda was made available via the website.

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III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE January 9, 2023, MEETING AGENDA.

AS PRESENTED.

WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the George Washington Carver Public School Academy Board of Directors, will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 14510 Second Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203. This meeting is scheduled to convene at 5:30 p.m./

a.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF December 9, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE December 9, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

SUPPORT: MEMBER SHARMAINE ROBINSON SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CAO/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**a. Academics**

- GWCA entered into a Partnership agreement with Bay Mills, MDE and Wayne RESA regarding Academic Plan for 3 years
 - 18 month plan – Monitor and review growth
 - 36 month – Overview of outcome base on academic plan
 - Develop Community Partnership committee
 - Member Robinson volunteered
 - Treasurer Gibbons will assist
 - All board members will be updated regarding partnership
- Submitted for Grant 21H
 - Funds will be allocated for Academic plan. RESA will fund additional funds for items not covered with the grant
- NWEA testing begins January 23, 2023

b. Bay Mills Response Presentation

- Submitted response to Bay Mills, via Epicenter by due date of January 6, 2023
- Presented to the board the presentation during the November and December Board Meetings

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c. Financial Report

- Audit Update – 6 additional finds in which GWCA needed to provide documentation
 - Pushed final submission date to February 15, 2023 at the latest
 - MM1 – Continue with Plan B, to cover GWCA expenses until completion of audit
 - Taylor and Morgan will be on-site at GWCA January 11, 2023 for discussion pertaining to audit
 - Completion of audit will finalize all past financial company's error and complete transition to new finance company
- December Financials
 - GWCA is in a very good place in all of the categories (Current Ratio, Days Cash on Hand, and Fund Balance).

VI. OLD BUSINESS**Board Committees**

Finance – Vice President Ruth

Fundraiser – Member Robinson

Facility Improvement – Secretary Surles

VII. NEW BUSINESSa. Approval of the ReThink Solution Services, LLC contract**MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT KENYA RUTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ReThink Solution Services, LLC contract****SUPPORT: Secretary Gerrajh Surles SECONDED.****DISCUSSION: None.****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.****VIII. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None.

IX. OTHER BUSINESSa. Bay Mills – Mark Nezich

- Confirmed posting requirements per Act No. 213 Compliance
- Confirmed email received from Mariah and/or Abby regarding submission of ESSER Funds report due by January 15, 2023
 - Kirby will confirm and respond via email

X. CORRESPONDENCE/FOR YOUR INFORMATION

None.

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTSa. **Upcoming School events and needs**

- February – Black History Month
- March - Reading Month

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- April – Easter Egg activities
- May – Highland Park Parade

XII. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:08 p.m. / a.m.

SUPPORT: MEMBER SHARMAINE ROBINSON SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,


Karla McGhee

Recording Secretary

January 9, 2023

Date

Approved by the George Washington Carver Academy Board of Directors:


[Gerrajh Surles \(Jan 12, 2023 11:07 EST\)](#)

Board Secretary

January 9, 2023

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