

**GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY**

**14510 Second Avenue  
Highland Park, MI 48203  
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**Regular Meeting  
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

**Approved**

**DATE:** August 8, 2022  
**TIME:** 5:00  p.m. /  a.m.  
**LOCATION:** George Washington Carver Academy  
14510 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Highland Park, MI 48203

**MINUTES**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS** called the meeting to order at 5:11  p.m./  a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022.

**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 type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Mr. Gerrajh Surles, 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

**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  
Mr. Kirby Doidge, MM1  
Mrs. Tariea Caldwell, GPS  
Ms. Donniemarie Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, GWCA  
Mr. Mark Nezich, Bay Mills Community College Charter Schools Board of Regents, Brimley, Michigan

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The proposed agenda was made available via the website.

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**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA****MOTION: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE**August 8, 2022 **MEETING AGENDA. AS** **PRESENTED.** **WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS.****SUPPORT: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS SECONDED. 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, September 12, 2022 at 14510 Second Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203. This meeting is scheduled to convene at 5:00  p.m./

 a.m.**IV. APPROVAL OF July 11, 2022 MEETING MINUTES****MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE**July 11, 2022 **MEETING MINUTES****SUPPORT: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLS SECONDED. DISCUSSION: None.****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.****V. CAO/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**a. Academics

- Expected enrollment – PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 454 students
- Theme for 22-23 SY – Excellence Everyday, ALL Day!

b. Summer School

- Partnership with WCCCD
  - Mrs. Caldwell and Ms. Hall gave a presentation from start to finish for Summer School which offered diverse and balance programs
  - Overall attendance for 4 weeks average 84%

c. Building Updates

- GWCA is under construction with new flooring and painting for the entire building, project will be wrapping up to open for the 22-23SY for scholars
- Playscape upgrade was approved by MDE, which should be completed by end of September 2022
- GWCA received the ROSA award – Bailey's gift to decrease gun violence in schools, more info to come. GWCA will receive a formal recognition within the next month

d. Financial Report

- GWCA is still in a good place regarding financials
- During the summer months, expenses exceeded revenues, however GWCA still has a good amount of cash flow in the bank

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**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of the resignation of Caesar Mickens

**MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF CAESAR MICKENS**

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of Student/Parent Handbook

**MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK**

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Approval of Staff Handbook

**MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE STAFF HANDBOOK**

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- c. Interview of recommended Board Candidate

**MOTION: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD CANDIDATE**

**SUPPORT: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION: Superintendent Brown read interview questions**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- d. Recommendation of Board of Directors candidate, Sharmaine Robinson

**MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE, SHARMAINE ROBINSON**

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**VIII. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

- a. Board Retreat
  - September 9/10/11

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Bay Mills – Mark Nezich  
Mr. Nezich wished everyone a Happy New Year.
  - Bay Mills School Leadership Conference – October 17-18
  - Board Summit, Okemos Event – October 19
  - Pre-opening visit – before August 30<sup>th</sup>

**X. CORRESPONDENCE/FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

None.

**XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**XII. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Mrs. Brown officially introduces Ms. Morenike Hood as the new Principal of GWCA via Zoom

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:10**

p.m. /  a.m.

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

**Karla McGhee**

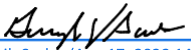
August 8, 2022

Recording Secretary

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Approved by the George Washington Carver Academy  
Board of Directors:

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Gerrajh Surles (Aug 17, 2022 14:32 EDT)

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