

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

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Regular Meeting
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: October 11, 2021
TIME: 4:37 p.m. / a.m.
LOCATION: Participation via Zoom

Approved

In order to adhere with the Wayne County Local Public Health Department Emergency Epidemic Order (June 24, 2021) in Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic under MCL 333.2453,
This meeting will be held via Zoom

MINUTES

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

The Oath of Office was administered to Member Gerrajh Surles prior to the start of the Board meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m./ a.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Jamille Edwards, President, Board of Directors Participating remotely from Highland Park, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Caesar Mickens, Vice President, Board of Directors Participating remotely from Detroit, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Carlton Clyburn, Secretary, Board of Directors Participating remotely from Highland Park, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mrs. Kenya Ruth, Treasurer, Board of Directors Participating remotely from Detroit, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Gerrajh Surles, Member, Board of Directors Participating remotely from Highland Park, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Sylvia Brown, Superintendent/CAO, GWCA
Mr. Christopher Lindsay, Principal, GWCA

OTHERS PRESENT (all or part of the meeting)

Mrs. Alma S. Hollins, Board Liaison, Provision
Mr. Mark Nezych, Bay Mills Community College Charter Schools Board of Regents, Brimley, Michigan
Attorney George Butler, Dickinson Wright, PLLC

The proposed agenda was made available via the website.

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III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TREASURER KENYA RUTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE October 11, 2021 **MEETING AGENDA.**

AS PRESENTED.

WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the George Washington Carver Public School Academy Board of Directors, will be held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 14510 Second Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203.

This meeting is scheduled to convene at 4:30 p.m./ a.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF September 16, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE September 16, 2021 **MEETING MINUTES**

SUPPORT: TREASURER KENYA RUTH SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

V. CAO/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Presentation of 2020-2021 Audit by Taylor & Morgan

- Mrs. Farrell, Auditor, shared the audit information with the Board
 1. The Academy received an Unmodified Opinion
 2. There were two findings:

a. Material Audit Adjustments

During the audit process, federal revenue was identified as not meeting the available criteria for revenue recognition as of June 30, 2021. Without the adjustment proposed by Taylor & Morgan, P.C. and recorded by management, revenue would have been overstated by \$366,822. We recommend the Academy implement a procedure for tracking revenue received subsequent to year end to ensure the revenue is recorded in the proper accounting period.

b. Federal Grant Compliance

During our compliance testing of the Title I federal program, it was noted that the annual federal expenditure report filed for the program year ending September 30, 2020 had overstated expenditures by \$9,110. This reporting error also led to a request for grant reimbursements that exceeded expenditures. We recommend the Academy implement a policy that includes proper documentation of federal expenditures prior to each request that includes expenditure reports generated directly from the accounting software.

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Mrs. Brown reported out on the following:

- Enrollment - GWCA will not be offering a virtual component. As such, the enrollment goal has been reduced to 400 students. Virtual instruction will not be offered as GWCA scholars do not have the support at home because parents are front line workers and are not at home to assist their children. Mrs. Brown added that GWCA's budget will be adjusted to account for the decreased enrollment. Mrs. Brown assured the Board that the cuts will not affect the instructional staff.
- School Culture Climate
 - Air Purification Project
- Community Collaboration
 - Black Family Development – GWCA has partnered with Black Family Development to assist GWCA students with their mental health.
 - **Treasurer Ruth** added that the social aspect of GWCA's students has to be addressed as well as their education.
 - Mrs. Brown added that GWCA has partnered with other mentoring programs too.
- Virtual Instruction
 - Virtual instruction is taking place at GWCA this week due to the positive Covid case. Return to face-to-face instruction will take place next week.
- Budget and Finance
 - Mrs. Brown reported out on the September Financial Dashboard.

b. Academic Report

- Mrs. Caldwell, Project Director, GPS Solutions, shared the Coaching and Coordination Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.
 1. Instructional Coaching
 - a. Teacher Support
 2. MTSS Academic Intervention Coordination
 - a. A plan to attack achievement gaps
 3. SEL Support
 - a. School-wide positive behavior initiative
 4. Fall 2021 NWEA Data
 - a. New Baseline
 - b. Not one grade level exceeded or met the Norm
 - c. 85% of GWCA students are not proficient
 5. Strategic Plan
 - a. How GWCA plans to meet the goals

MOTION TREASURER KENYA RUTH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT SUPERINTENDENT BROWN'S REPORT.

SUPPORT: PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESSa. Approval to Use ActivePure Technology**MOTION: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF ACTIVEPURE TECHNOLOGY.****SUPPORT: PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS SECONDED.****DISCUSSION: None.****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL**b. Nomination of Board Member Candidate**MOTION: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE MR. DESMOND GIBBONS TO THE GWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS****SUPPORT: PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS SECONDED.****DISCUSSION: None.****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL****VIII. CLOSED SESSION TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE ATTORNEY'S LEGAL OPINION PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(h) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT****MOTION: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:48 P.M. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE ATTORNEY'S LEGAL OPINION PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(h) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.****SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED.****DISCUSSION: None.****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL****MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:08 P.M.****SUPPORT: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN SECONDED.****DISCUSSION: None.****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL****IX. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION****MOTION: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO PRESIDENT EDWARDS TO TERMINATE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH CLARK HILL AT A TIME DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY PRESIDENT EDWARDS.****SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED.****DISCUSSION: None.**

President Edwards - Yes

Vice President Mickens - Yes

Secretary Clyburn - Yes

Treasurer Ruth - Unable to Vote – Lost Connection.

Member Surles - Yes

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION: TREASURER KENYA RUTH MADE A MOTION TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO PRESIDENT EDWARDS TO WORK WITH COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE ALL THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTS AND TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR ANY NEW THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTS. SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED. DISCUSSION: None. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

X. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Bay Mills – Mark Nezych
Mr. Nezych welcomed new Board Member Surles.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE/FOR YOUR INFORMATION

None.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- **President Edwards** inquired about a stand-by list for potential Board members. **President Edwards** requested that Mrs. Brown obtain a copy of Ms. Patricia Arnell’s resume.

XIV. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:19 p.m. / a.m.

SUPPORT:: : MEMBER GERRAJH SURLS SECONDED.

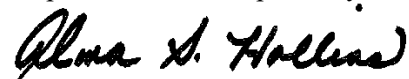
DISCUSSION: None.

- President Edwards - Yes
- Vice President Mickens - Yes
- Secretary Clyburn - Yes
- Treasurer Ruth - Unable to vote – Lost connection
- Member Surles - Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

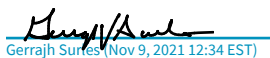


Recording Secretary _____

October 19, 2021

Date _____

Approved by the George Washington Carver Academy Board of Directors:


Gerrajh Surles (Nov 9, 2021 12:34 EST)

Board Secretary _____

November 8, 2021

Date _____

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