

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

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Regular Meeting
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: November 8, 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

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m./ a.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021.

II. OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to Member Desmond Gibbons by Board Liaison and Notary Public Alma S. Hollins.

III. 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 Redford, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Gerrajh Surlis, Acting 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. Desmond Gibbons, 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

OTHERS PRESENT (all or part of the meeting)

Mrs. Alma S. Hollins, Board Liaison, Provision

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.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TREASURER KENYA RUTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE November 8, 2021 MEETING AGENDA.

AS PRESENTED.

WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS.

SUPPORT: ACTING SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES 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, December 13, 2021 at 14510 Second Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203.

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

V. APPROVAL OF October 11, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: TREASURER KENYA RUTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE October 11, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Acceptance of Secretary Carlton Clyburn's Resignation

MOTION: TREASURER KENYA RUTH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CARLTON CLYBURN FROM THE GWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SUPPORT: ACTING SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: President Edwards thanked Mr. Clyburn for his service and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Board and the Academy. Mr. Clyburn expressed his appreciation and reinforced that he will continue to support GWCA.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

b. Acceptance of Treasurer Ruth's Request for Relinquishment of the Office of Treasurer

MOTION: PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER RUTH'S REQUEST FOR RELINQUISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF TREASURER.

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

c. Election of Officers

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MOTION: PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE GERRAJH SURLES TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE GWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
SUPPORT: MEMBER KENYA RUTH SECONDED.
DISCUSSION: None
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

MOTION: PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE DESMOND GIBBONS TO THE OFFICE OF TREASURER OF THE GWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
SUPPORT: MEMBER KENYA RUTH SECONDED.
DISCUSSION: None
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

d. Approval of Designated Signatory

MOTION: PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATED SIGNATORY RESOLUTION.
SUPPORT: MEMBER KENYA RUTH SECONDED.
DISCUSSION: None
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

e. Presentation of Air Purification Project

Mrs. Brown explained the air purification project as well as the three phases. Mrs. Brown informed the Board that the money for the project would come out of the Building Repair Fund as well as ESSER money.

Member Ruth responded that she would like to see actual numbers (a specific contingency).

Mrs. Brown remarked that GWCA can actually start the RFP process, which Mark English & Associates will orchestrate, and have the vendors provide real numbers.

Secretary Surles added that GWCA needs to be specific in their language which should include a “not to exceed amount.”

MOTION: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE FOR THE AIR PURIFICATION PROJECT AND TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RFP PROCESS.
SUPPORT: MEMBER KENYA RUTH SECONDED.
DISCUSSION: None
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

f. Approval of Board’s Response to the 2020-2021 Audit

MOTION: MEMBER KENYA RUTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD’S RESPONSE TO THE 2020-2021 GWCA AUDIT.
SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED.
DISCUSSION: None
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

VIII. CAO/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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a. Enrollment

K-8 – 398 students (enrollment has closed for these grades)
Pre-K – 32 students (still recruiting)

b. Academic Achievement

Mrs. Brown reported that they will be using the Fall data to close the gaps and will present the data and goal setting during parent teachers. Mrs. Brown added that interventions are in place to help close the gaps.

c. Financials

Mrs. Brown shared the Financial Dashboard with the Board.

IX. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None.

X. OTHER BUSINESSa. Bay Mills – Mark Nezich

Mr. Nezich congratulated Superintendent Brown and her team on their binder check.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE/FOR YOUR INFORMATION

None.

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

XIII. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Bown thanked the Board for the beautiful plant and support that she has received during the difficult time that her family has been experiencing.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: MEMBER KENYA RUTH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:43 p.m. / a.m.

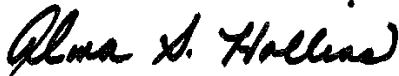
SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

November 17, 2021

Date

Approved by the George Washington Carver Academy

Board of Directors:



Caesar Mickens Jr. (Nov 19, 2021 09:28 EST)

Board Secretary (Acting)

November 18, 2021

Date

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