

Great Hearts Louisiana Board of Directors Meeting Approved Minutes

Date: February 15, 2022
Time: 11:00 a.m. CDT

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Great Hearts Louisiana Board of Directors was held at 200 Laurel Street, Suite 200, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. CDT.

Louisiana Board Members		Present	Absent	
Wade Dyke	Chairman	X		
Adonica Pelichet Duggan	Vice Chairman	X		
David Whidden III	Secretary	X		
Kathy Victorian	Treasurer	X		
Nikki Godfrey	Director	X		
Ty Gose	Director	X		
Elisha Landry	Director	X		
Other Staff/Guests				
Jay Heiler	CEO, GH America	X		
Dan Scoggin	Chief Academies Officer, GH America	X		
Sam Heisman	Founding Headmaster	X		
Tamika McGehee	Executive Assistant to the CEO	X		
Bianca Ulibarri	Director of Governance, GH America	X		
Maria Baier	Vice President of External Affairs, America	X		
Jake Tawney	Vice President of Curriculum, GH America	X		via Zoom
Ron Zoromski	Chief Financial Officer, GH America	X		via Zoom
Genevieve Peterson	Chief Development Officer, GH America	X		via Zoom
Sarah Turner	Facilities, New Schools for Baton Rouge	X		via Zoom
Helen Hayes	Vice President of Headmaster Development	X		via Zoom

II. Adopt Agenda

Mr. Whidden moved to adopt the agenda; Ms. Victorian seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 7-0 at 11:33 a.m. CDT.

III. Discussion and Approval to Add Adonica Pelichet Duggan, Elisha Landry, Nikki Godfrey, Ty Gose, and Wade Dyke to the Great Hearts Louisiana, Inc. Board of Directors.

Ms. Victorian moved to approve the addition of Adonica Pelichet Duggan, Elisha Landry, Nikki Godfrey, Ty Gose, and Wade Dyke to the Great Hearts Louisiana, Inc. Board of Directors; Mr. Whidden seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 7-0 at 11:34 a.m. CDT.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Mr. Whidden moved to approve the consent agenda as presented; Mr. Gose seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 7-0 at 11:34 a.m. CDT.

a. Adoption of Great Hearts Louisiana By-laws

V. Discussion and Election of Officers

Dr. Scoggin presented this item and brought before the Board some recommendations. Ms. Victorian motion to approve Mr. Dyke as Chairman, Ms. Pelichet Duggan as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Whidden as Secretary, and Ms. Victorian as Treasurer; Mr. Gose seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 7-0 at 11:40 a.m. CDT.

VI. Discussion on Developing a 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Board Meeting Calendar and Forecast

Ms. Ulibarri presented this item and brought before the Board a draft outline of the FY2023 and FY2024 proposed meeting dates.

VII. Chief Academies Officer Update

Dr. Scoggin gave an update on the strengths and goals for the planning year.

VIII. Founding Headmaster Update

Mr. Heisman presented the Board with his plan and goals for year -1. His plan detailed how the school will succeed and the important steps that need to be completed in the planning year.

IX. Community Engagement Update

Ms. McGehee gave a quick overview on the marketing efforts and community engagement that have been developed and the plans moving forward.

X. Finance and Real Estate Update

Mr. Zoromski gave a high-level overview of the finances based on the budgeted enrollment and revenue assumption. Ms. Turner presented the facility report and went over the building structure, site plans, and campus features.

a. Approval of Board Resolution to Authorize the Opening of Bank Accounts with Regions

Bank. Ms. Landry motion to approve Board Resolution to Authorize the Opening of Bank Accounts with Regions Bank; Mr. Gose seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 7-0 at 1:28 p.m. CDT.

b. Approval of Board Resolution to accept the Lease Agreement of the School with Great Hearts Properties Louisiana.

Mr. Gose motion to approve the Board Resolution to accept the Lease Agreement of the School with Great Hearts Properties Louisiana; Ms. Godfrey seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 7-0 at 1:30 p.m. CDT.

XI. Adjourn

Mr. Dyke adjourn the meeting at 1:31 p.m. CDT.