

# Great Hearts Louisiana Board of Directors Meeting Approved Minutes

Date: June 27, 2023  
Time: 12:00 p.m. CDT

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

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Dyke called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. CDT and confirmed a quorum.

<b>Louisiana Board Members</b>		Present	Absent	
Wade Dyke	Chairman	X		
Adonica Pelichet Duggan	Vice Chairman		X	
David Whidden III	Secretary	X		
Kathy Victorian	Treasurer	X		
Ty Gose	Director	X		joined in-person at 12:12 p.m.
Elisha McCardell	Director	X		
Erin Franco	Director	X		
<b>Other Staff/Guests</b>				
Dan Scoggin	Chief Academies Officer, GH America	X		via Zoom
Sam Heisman	Founding Head of School	X		
Bianca Ulibarri	Director of Governance, GH America	X		
Ron Zorowski	Chief Financial Officer, GH America	X		
Lakisha Johnson	Director of Campus Operations	X		via Zoom
Jay Heiler	Chief Executive Officer, GH America	X		via Zoom
India Walker	Senior Finance Manager	X		
Dana Henry	Attorney	X		

**II. Discussion and Consideration to Add a New Board Member**

Mr. Dyke introduced Ms. Franco and asked her to share a little bite about herself. Ms. Franco provided the board with a brief background. Mr. Whidden moved to approve and add Ms. Franco as a board director to the Great Hearts Louisiana board; Ms. Victorian seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 5-0 at 12:03 p.m. CDT. Board members and staff welcomed Ms. Franco to the board.

### III. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Whidden moved to adopt the agenda; Ms. Victorian seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 6-0 at 12:04 p.m. CDT.

### IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of April 20, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of June 6, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of the Update Board Meeting Calendar to Include FY2025
- d. Approval of Updates to the 2023-2024 Family Handbook
- e. Approval of the Great Hearts America Standard Operating Procedures for Fundraising/Development Activities
- f. Approval of Parent Service Organization Policy and Procedures Handbook
- g. Approval of Public Comment Policy and Procedures
- h. Approval of Public Records Request Policy and Procedures
- i. Approval of Student Fees Policy and Procedures
- j. Approval of Parental Access to Instructional Materials Policy and Procedures
- k. Approval of Seclusion & Physical Restraint of Students with Exceptionalities Policy and Procedures/Guidance
- l. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Great Hearts America and Great Hearts Louisiana, Inc.

Ms. Victorian moved to approve the consent agenda as presented; Mr. Whidden seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 6-0 at 12:05 p.m. CDT.

### V. Finance Update

- a. **Discussion and Consideration to Approve the 2023-2024 Proposed Annual Budget**

Mr. Zoromski introduced Ms. Walker, the Senior Finance Manager for Great Hearts Louisiana to the Board. Mr. Zoromski presented the FY2024 Budget Assumptions and proposed FY2024 Budget. The presentation included state and federal revenue and expenses. Depending on enrollment, the budget may need to be amended towards the end of the year. After board discussion, Mr. Dyke opened the discussion for the public hearing/comments portion. No public members commented. Mr. Henry requested the record shows this meeting was properly noticed in accordance with La. R.S. 39:1307(B) (noticed attached) and that the final adoption of the budget will be considered at the board's July 12, 2023 meeting.
- b. **Discussion and Consideration to Approve Fester and Chapman as its Audit Firm**

Mr. Zoromski gave a quick overview of the firm's qualifications and experience. Ms. Victorian moved to approve Fester and Chapman as its Audit Firm for year 1; Mr. Whidden seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 7-0 at 12:42 p.m. CDT.

### VI. Adjourn

Mr. Whidden moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Victorian seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 7-0 at 12:44 p.m. CDT. The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m. CDT.

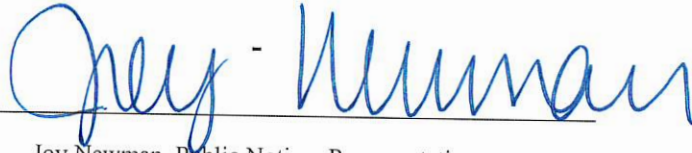
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Pursuant to La. R.S. 39:1307(B) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposed 2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget for Great Hearts Louisiana (operating Great Hearts Harveston, a Charter School) will be presented at a meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 12:00pm to be held at 200 Laurel Street, Suite 200, in Baton Rouge, LA 70801. After such meeting, a copy of the proposed budget will be made available online at <https://louisiana.greatheartamerica.org/governance/> on file in the front office of Great Hearts Harveston, 11801 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810 and at Great Hearts Louisiana's temporary office, 7170 Burbank Drive, Unit B, Baton Rouge, LA 70820 where the same is open for public inspection. Final adoption of the budget will be considered at a meeting of the Board of Director on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 12:00pm to be held at 11801 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

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