

Great Hearts Louisiana Board of Directors Meeting Unapproved Minutes

Date: November 16, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m. CDT

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Great Hearts Louisiana Board of Directors was held at 11801 Bluebonnet Boulevard in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Dyke called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. CDT and confirmed a quorum.

Louisiana Board Members		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		
Elisha McCardell	Director		X	
Erin Franco	Director	X		
Other Staff/Guests				
Sam Heisman	Founding Head of School	X		
Bianca Ulibarri	Director of Governance, GH America	X		via Zoom
Ron Zoromski	Chief Financial Officer, GH America	X		via Zoom
Dan Scoggin	Chief Academies Officer, GH America	X		
Rebecca Lane	Sr Dir of Enterprise Operations, GH America	X		
Genevieve Peterson	Chief Development Officer, GH America	X		
Holly Manuel	Senior Finance Manager	X		
Dana Henry	Attorney	X		
Kevin Camberg	Fester & Chapman	X		via Zoom
Maria Baier	Vice President of External Affairs, GH America	X		via Zoom
Jason Doughty	Dir of Growth & Founding Head of School, GH Florida	X		

II. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Whidden moved to adopt the agenda as presented; Mr. Gose seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:06 p.m. CDT.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of September 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**
- b. **Approval of the 2024-2025 Enrollment Policies, Procedures, and Forms**

Mr. Gose moved to approve the consent agenda as presented; Mr. Whidden seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:08 p.m. CDT.

IV. Head of School Update

- a. **Goal Results and Update for Quarter 1**

Mr. Heisman updated the Board on his goals that he presented at the last meeting. For academic, he thanks the Great Hearts America Academic team with all of their support. With this support, the school has already exited 13 students from intervention and seeing amazing growth with the students across the school.

- b. **Transportation Update**

Mr. Heisman updated the Board on the school's transportation. The school has switched transportation providers. This has been a positive change as the new buses have a lift and aide available on the special education bus and allows for larger capacity. The team will be looking into providing additional stop options for more students. This switch did come with a cost increase. However, Mr. Heisman stated the vendor is providing a better service that our students deserve.

- c. **Enrollment Update**

Mr. Heisman updated the Board on how enrollment for next year is going. The school currently has received 94 applications. This is higher than it was at this time last year. Mr. Heisman stated his great partnership with Great Hearts America and more specifically, Ms. Lane, has allowed them to put together a strategic plan around increasing enrollment. The team is also researching perhaps adding Great Hearts' Pre-K program, Younghearts, to the school next year.

V. Finance Update

- a. **Review YTD Financial Report**

Ms. Manual presented the FY2024 quarterly financial results including the statement of activities, balance sheet, and the cash flow statement.

- b. **Review FY2023 Annual Financial Audit**

Mr. Zoromski Introduced Mr. Camberg with Fester & Chapman, our audit firm. Mr. Camberg gave a quick overview of the draft FY2023 audit report and unqualified opinion.

VI. Adjourn

Mr. Whidden moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Gose seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 7:01 p.m. CDT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. CDT.