

Great Hearts Louisiana Board of Directors Meeting Unapproved Minutes

Date: June 25, 2024
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 6:08 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		via Zoom
Erin Franco	Director	X		
Other Staff/Guests				
Sam Heisman	Founding Head of School		X	
Bianca Ulibarri	Director of Governance, GH America	X		via Zoom
Jay Heiler	Chief Executive Officer, GH America	X		via Zoom
Dan Scoggin	Chief Academies Officer, GH America		X	
Holly Manuel	Senior Finance Manager	X		
Carley Hopkins	Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer	X		
Matthew Bushard	Chief Financial Officer, GH America	X		via Zoom
Laurel Fischer	Assistant Head of School	X		Via Zoom

II. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Whidden moved to adopt the agenda with the change to remove agenda item 3(b). Approval of Updates to the 2024-2025 Family Handbook. Mr. Gose seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:10 p.m. CDT.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2024**
- b. ~~Approval of Updates to the 2024-2025 Family Handbook~~
- c. **Approval of Updates to the 2024-2025 Employee Handbook**

- d. **Approval of Updates to the Student Fees Policy and Procedures**
- e. **Approval of GH Louisiana Meal Charge Policy**

Mr. Whidden moved to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Gose seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:11 p.m. CDT.

IV. Head of School Update

- a. **Enrollment Update**

Ms. Hopkins gave a brief update on the FY2025 enrollment funnel. The board thanked staff for all of their hard work.

V. Finance Update

- a. **Discussion and Consideration to Select a New Audit Firm**

Ms. Manual presented prospective audit firms for the board's consideration. The team recommends the firm Eriksen Krentel. They are a New Orleans based firm with additional offices in Baton Rouge and Mandeville and have experience across the non-profit space including 9 charter school operators. Ms. Manual stated they provided a Peer Review and a competitive rate provided allowing a 3-year price step. Mr. Gose moved to approve Eriksen Krentel as the audit firm; Ms. Franco seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:14 p.m. CDT.

- b. **Discussion and Consideration to Approve and Adopt the 2024-2025 Annual Budget and Board Resolution**

Ms. Manual presented the FY2025 budget. There have been no changes made since the last meeting. Mr. Gose moved to approve and adopt the 2024-2025 Annual Budget and Board Resolution; Ms. Franco seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:21 p.m. CDT.

VI. Administrative Review of Child Nutrition Program

Ms. Manual presented the administrative review of the Child Nutrition Program within Great Hearts Louisiana Inc. There were minimal findings relating to required trainings and pricing. The school received high commendations on their program.

VII. Announcements/Adjournment

The Board thank Mr. Dyke for his service on the Board and wished him luck on his new role as Interim Superintendent for Great Hearts Texas beginning July 1st. Mr. Gose moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Franco seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. CDT.