

# Great Hearts Louisiana Board of Directors Meeting Approved Minutes

Date: August 21, 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

Ms. Ulibarri called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. CDT and confirmed a quorum.

Louisiana Board Members		Present	Absent	
Ty Gose	Chairman	X		
Adonica Pelichet Duggan	Vice Chairman	X		
David Whidden III	Secretary	X		
Kathy Victorian	Treasurer		X	
Elisha McCardell	Director		X	
Erin Franco	Director	X		
<b>Other Staff/Guests</b>				
Sam Heisman	Founding Head of School, GH Harveston	X		
Bianca Ulibarri	Director of Governance, GH America	X		
Jay Heiler	Chief Executive Officer, GH America	X		via Zoom
Dan Scoggin	Chief Academies Officer, GH America	X		
Holly Manuel	Senior Finance Manager, GH Harveston	X		
Rebecca Lane	Sr. Director Enterprise Operations, GH America	X		
Matthew Bushard	Chief Financial Officer, GH America	X		via Zoom
Dana Henry	Attorney	X		via Zoom
Jasmine Theyard	Manager of Campus Operations, GH Harveston	X		
Jake Tawney	Chief Academic Officer, GH America	X		

## II. Renewal of Board Member Terms

Board members expressed their concerns regarding past in-person attendance and availability for some members to continue to serve on the board. The board directed staff and the new Chairman to reach out to members and confirm their desire to continue to serve on the board. Ms. Pelichet Duggan made a motion to approve renewal of the Board Terms for Adonica Pelichet Duggan, David Whidden, Elisha Landry, Ty Gose, Erin Franco, and Kathy Victorian. Mr. Whidden seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:09 p.m. CDT.

### III. Election of Board Officers

Mr. Whidden nominated Mr. Gose as Chairman. Mr. Gose accepted the nomination and is happy to support the board. Mr. Whidden moved to approve Mr. Gose as Chairman of the board. Mr. Franco seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:10 p.m. CDT.

Mr. Whidden moved to approve Ms. Pelichet Duggan as Vice Chairman of the board. Mr. Gose seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:11 p.m. CDT.

Ms. Pelichet Duggan moved to approve Mr. Whidden as Secretary of the board. Mr. Gose seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:12 p.m. CDT.

### IV. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Whidden move to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Pelichet Duggan seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:12 p.m. CDT.

### V. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2024**
- b. **Approval to add Matt Bushard and remove Ron Zoromski as a signor on Region Bank accounts.**
- c. **Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar**
- d. **Approval of Updates to the 2024-2025 Family Handbook**

Ms. Pelichet Duggan moved to approve the consent agenda with the changes to the Family Handbook to include updates to the uniform vendors, dress code to include grade 8, and the school's transportation plan; Mr. Whidden seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 6:15 p.m. CDT.

### VI. Head of School Update

- a. **Fall '24 School Launch Update: Enrollment, School Culture, & Operations**
- b. **Academic Result Updates from Previous School Year**
- c. **Draft Head of School Goals for 2024-2025**

Mr. Heisman introduced Jasmine Theyard, the new Manager of Campus Operations, and gave the board a brief history on her background. He also mentioned that they team hired a new lead ESS Coordinator. Mr. Heisman stated they had a great start of the year and hit the ground running with a total of 600 students enrolled on day 1. He is seeing amazing school culture among the students and staff. He presented his draft performance goals for 2024-2025.

### VII. Growth of Great Hearts Louisiana and New Markets

Dr. Scoggin gave a verbal update on the current strategy for growth in Louisiana. The goal would be to apply for an additional charter and the work for this has already started.

### VIII. Finance Update

- a. **FY23-24 Financial Results (Unaudited)**

Ms. Manual provided a brief update on the unaudited FY2024 financials.

- b. **Discussion and Consideration to Approve the Audit Compliance Questionnaire**

Ms. Manual went over the Louisiana Auditor Compliance Questionnaire. Mr. Whidden moved to approve the Audit Compliance Questionnaire as presented. Ms. Pelichet Duggan seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 7:21 p.m. CDT.

- c. **Approval of GHLA Lease Payment Agreement to GHPL**

Mr. Bushard gave a quick over of the update to the Lease agreement. Ms. Pelichet Duggan moved to approve the GHLA Lease Payment Agreement to GHPL as presented. Mr. Whidden seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed at 7:25 p.m. CDT.

**IX. Announcements/Adjournment**

Ms. Ulibarri informed the board since the next scheduled meeting is on Election Day (11/5) and the school may be required to operate polls, she will work to reschedule this meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. CDT.