

Great Hearts Florida Board of Directors Meeting Approved Minutes

Date: August 11, 2022
Time: 11:00 a.m. ET

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Great Hearts Florida Board of Directors was held via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. ET.

Florida Board Members		Present	Absent	
Paul Cutler	Chairman	X		
Zach Rossley	Vice Chairman	X		
Daniel Anthony	Secretary & Treasurer	X		
Gary Chartrand	Director	X		
Toyin Atolagbe	Director	X		
William Rutherford	Director	X		
Other Staff/Guests				
Dan Scoggin	Chief Academies Officer, GH America	X		
Jay Heiler	CEO, GH America	X		
Bianca Ulibarri	Director of Governance, GH America	X		
Jake Tawney	Vice President of Curriculum, GH America	X		
Ron Zoromski	Chief Financial Officer, GH America	X		
Genevieve Peterson	Vice President of Development, America	X		
Jason Doughty	Founding Head of School for GH Florida	X		
Christy Noe	Consultant	X		
Shawn Arnold	Attorney	X		
Helen Hayes	Vice President of Headmaster Development	X		
Ben Lindquist	Consultant	X		

II. Adopt Agenda

Mr. Chartrand moved to adopt the agenda; Mr. Cutler seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 6-0 at 11:06 a.m. ET.

III. Discussion and Approval to Confirm William Rutherford, Zachary Rossley, Toyin Atolagbe, Gary Chartrand, Paul Cutler, and Daniel Anthony to the Great Hearts Florida, Inc. Board of Directors

Mr. Cutler moved to adopt the agenda; Mr. Rossley seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 6-0 at 11:07 a.m. ET.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Mr. Cutler moved to adopt the agenda; Mr. Chartrand seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 6-0 at 11:09 a.m. ET.

a. Adoption of Great Hearts Florida By-laws

V. Discussion and Election of Officers

Dr. Scoggin proposed a slate of officers on behalf of Great Hearts America. Mr. Cutler moved to approve the following slate of founding officers, Paul Cutler as Chairman, Zach Rossley as Vice Chairman, and Daniel Anthony as the Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. Chartrand seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 6-0 at 11:12 a.m. ET.

VI. Discussion and Approval of Charter Contract as Presented Subject to Final Approval by Legal

Mr. Arnold gave an overview on the Charter Contract as set forth by the Florida Department of Education without any suggested changes. Mr. Chartrand moved approved the Charter Contract as presented for submission to Duval County Public Schools; Mr. Anthony seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 6-0 at 11:21 a.m. ET.

VII. Discussion and Approval of Charter Schools Grant Program (CSP) Application

Dr. Scoggin and Ms. Noe both gave an overview over the CSP Application, allocations, and the different phases for the grant. Mr. Cutler moved to approve the Charter Schools Grant Program (CSP) Application; Mr. Chartrand seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 6-0 at 11:37 a.m. ET.

VIII. Great Hearts America Academy Officer's Update

Dr. Scoggin gave an update on the opening of our other regional schools. Great Hearts is now serving 27,000 students within Arizona and Texas. Dr. Scoggin informed the Board that due to real estate issues, the initial intent of the school opening in the Fall of 2023 will be postponed until Fall of 2024.

a. Update Regarding Opening Timeline of First Academy

IX. Introduction of Founding Head of School

Dr. Scoggin Introduced Jason Doughty as the Founding Head of School for Great Hearts Florida. Dr. Scoggin gave an overview of Mr. Doughty and his wife, Bridget Doughty, background, and experience. Mr. Doughty thanked the Board and expressed his excitement for this new journey.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m. ET.