

Great Hearts Florida Board of Directors Meeting Approved Minutes

Date: June 14, 2023

Time: 10:00 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 10:08 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		
Jason Doughty	Director of Growth/g Head of School, GH Florida	X		
Bianca Ulibarri	Director of Governance, GH America	X		
Ron Zorowski	Chief Financial Officer, GH America	X		
Paula Bugg	Project Manager, GH America	X		
Shawn Arnold	Attorney	X		
DeLano Ford	Charter School Growth Fund	X		

II. Adopt Agenda

III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of November 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Chartrand moved to approve the November 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes; Mr. Anthony seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 4-0 at 10:11 a.m. ET.

b. Approval of January 26, 2023 Board Workshop Minutes

Mr. Chartrand moved to approve the January 26, 2023 Board Workshop Minutes; Mr. Anthony seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 4-0 at 10:12 a.m. ET.

c. Approval of Public Comment Policy and Procedures

Mr. Anthony moved to approve the Public Comment Policy and Procedures as presented; Mr. Rutherford seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 4-0 at 10:11 a.m. ET.

d. Approval of Public Records Request Policy and Procedures

After a clarifying question on response timelines, Mr. Rutherford moved to approve the Public Records Request Policy and Procedures; Mr. Anthony seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 4-0 at 10:16 a.m. ET.

e. Approval of the Update Board Meeting Calendar to include FY2025

Mr. Chartrand moved to approve the updated Board Meeting calendar to include FY2025; Mr. Anthony seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 4-0 at 10:17 a.m. ET.

IV. Chief Academies Officer Update

a. GHA Updates

b. Updates on Jason Doughty Job Profile

Dr. Scoggin updated the board on Mr. Doughty's new role. In addition to being the Founding Head of School, he will also be GH Florida's Director of Growth. Dr. Scoggin informed the Board of GH Louisiana's progress and how they are preparing to open this fall. He was happy to announce that Florida will now have a statewide authorizer for future charter schools.

V. GHFL Director of Growth/Founding Head of School Update

a. Discussion and Consideration on Draft Strategic Business Plan for Growth

b. Real Estate Updates

c. Opening Timeline and Contingencies

Mr. Doughty updated the Board on the status of the prospective facility and that it is no longer an option. He went over the demographic profiles of the Arizona and Texas academies. Mr. Doughty mentioned he and other members of the team have met with Academia and are looking into what types of support they can offer as a service provider. Mr. Doughty presented a breakdown of extra revenue by counties and the priority counties include in the Florida growth plan moving forward. Mr. Doughty spoke about his Hub and Spoke growth plan and the different benefits of fall 25 or fall 26 school openings. Mid-August is the timeframe for go or no-go on opening in fall 24.

VI. Finance and Real Estate Update

a. Proposed FY24 Budgets and Forecast

Mr. Zoromski gave a quick overview of the year-to-date finances and the FY24 budgets. Mr. Chartrand moved to approve the FY2024 budget as presented knowing that changes might occur; Mr. Anthony seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 4-0 at 11:28 a.m. ET.

b. Approval of Board Resolution to Authorize the Opening of Bank Accounts with Regions Bank.

Mr. Anthony moved to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Opening of Bank Accounts with Regions Bank with the updates to add Mr. Cutler and Mr. Doughty as signers. Mr. Chartrand seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried 4-0 at 11:28 a.m. ET.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. ET