



**Special Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2020**

A special meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona School Board was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in Room 200. Girls Leadership Academy is located at 715 W. Mariposa Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Leslie Shultz-Crist served as recording secretary.

**Governing School Board Members Present:** Nathan Pullen, Marli Mayon, Anjuli Morse and Maryann Richardson

Executive Board of Directors Present: Cathy Stein, serving as recording secretary.

**Members Absent:** Nina Munson

**Staff Members Present:** Dawn Woods, CAO and Leslie Shultz-Crist, Director of Assessment and College Readiness.

**Guest:** Attorney Brett Johnson of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

**I. General**

**A. Call to Order** – Nathan Pullen, Board Chair

The special meeting of the Governing School Board was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Nathan Pullen.

**B. Roll Call** – Nathan Pullen

Nathan Pullen welcomed everyone. He further noted that Nina Munson was absent, but there was a quorum.

**II. Defer Adoption and Approval of December 17, 2019**

Anjuli Morse moved to defer the adoption and approval of the December 17, 2019 meeting minutes until the regularly scheduled meeting on January 21, 2020, at 5:00pm, Room 200. The motion was seconded by Maryann Richardson. All were in favor.

**III. Motion to retain Snell and Wilmer L.L.P. as the Boards' Special Counsel**

Maryann Richardson motions to retain Snell & Wilmer as the Governing School Board's special council. The motion was seconded by Marli Mayon. All were in favor.

**IV. Executive Session –**

Nathan Pullen called Agenda Item IV.B. to seek legal advice from the Board's attorney regarding the employment and agency matters. Nathan Pullen moved to enter into executive session to discuss the Agenda item. Anjuli Morse seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Anjuli Morse motioned that the board return to public session. The motion was seconded by Marli Mayon. All were in favor.

Nathan Pullen called Agenda items IV. A, B, and C. Nathan Pullen shared with the board that two staff members' status would be discussed. He shared that one staff person had requested that the discussion take place in executive session. The second staff person asked that the discussion take place in open session of the board. The board felt that privacy was to be honored. No objection was made by staff members to discuss in executive session.

Anjuli Morse motioned that the Governing School board enter executive session for the following purposes:

**A.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), the Board will discuss the employment and agency status of the superintendent and referenced business official authorized to transact on behalf of the school.

**B.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Board will seek legal advice from the Board's attorney regarding the employment and agency matters.

**C.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4), the Board will discuss with its attorney contemplated contract matters.

The motion was seconded by Maryann Richardson. All were in favor.

Anjuli Morse motioned that the board return to public session. The motion was seconded by Marli Mayon. All were in favor.

**V. Public comment**

Nathan Pullen noted that the agenda did not include public comment; but, he would recommend considering an opportunity for guests to provide comments about the already called agenda items.

Maryann Richardson motioned that public comment of no more than five (5) minutes about the agenda items be provided to those in the audience. The motion was seconded by Marli Mayon. All were in favor. Maryann Richardson moved to withdraw the motion to allow public comment on the called agenda items, which was not seconded.

Four Audience members spoke:

1. Dr. Kellie Warren
2. Channel Powe
3. Dr. Patricia Neff
4. Alvin Battle

The Board thanked everyone for their comments.

**VI. Action Items**

Nathan Pullen called Agenda item V.A., to consider the employment or agency status of superintendent and referenced business official authorized to transact on behalf of the school.

Maryann Richardson moved that the superintendent and referenced business official authorized to transact on behalf of the school be placed on paid administrative leave mirroring the decision made by the Governing Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Nathan Pullen. There was no discussion. Marli Mayon abstained; the remaining Board members in attendance voted yay. The motion carried.

Nathan Pullen called Agenda item V.B., to consider interim superintendent and other interim business official authorized to transact on behalf of the school subject to contract negotiation.

Maryann Richardson motioned that the board enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Board's counsel regarding the action item. The motion was seconded by Nathan Pullen. All were in favor.

Anjuli Morse motioned that the board return to public session. The motion was seconded by Marli Mayon. All were in favor.

Nathan Pullen moved that Dawn Woods be named interim superintendent and Lynn Smith be named interim business official authorized to transact on behalf of the school subject to contract negotiation. The motion was seconded by Anjuli Morse. All were in favor.

**VII.** Next meeting Date, Time and Place  
January 21, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Room 200

**VIII.** Adjourn Special Meeting

Anjuli Morse motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. The motion was seconded by Marli Mayon. All were in favor.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> date of January, 2020.

Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona  
Governing Board

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