



School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021

The Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona Governing Board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 virtually.

Yizza Mares served as recording secretary.

Members Present: Nathan Pullen, Marli Mayon, Nina Munson, Kimberly Murphy, Nina Munson, Maryann Richardson, and Cassandra Anderson (Non-Voting)

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Chicanos Por La Causa Staff: Erin Garcia, Janis Gallego, Lori Mejia, Tim Johnson, Yizza Mares, and Maryanna Yacoub

Staff Members Present: Dawn Woods, Interim Superintendent & CAO, and Allen Charlesworth, Florence Crittenton Service's CFO and, Sabrina Araiza, Teacher

Students/Alumni: Fatima Bitheri, Zayra Urquijo, Tamara and Enas.

I. General

A. Call to Order – Nathan Pullen, Board Chair

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Nathan Pullen.

B. Roll Call – Nathan Pullen

Nathan Pullen welcomed everyone and noted that everyone was in attendance and there was a quorum.

II. Approval

A. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2021.

B. Approval of the Agenda.

Nina Munson moved to approve the agenda and approve the minutes for April 20, 2021 regular School Board meeting. Cassandra Murphy seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

III. Presentations

A. Scholarship Spotlight- 2021 Graduates and Alumni

Zayra Urquijo alumni of GLAAZ and recipient of the Dream US scholarship for undocumented students. Zarya, also alumni, shared the many resources available and expressed her gratitude towards the different educational programs available such as internships. Fatima Bitheri was a recipient of the Arizona Leadership Scholarship. Both students are alumni of GLAAZ and sophomores in college and shared their current support to GLAAZ seniors who are getting ready to transition into post-secondary.

B. Senior Capstone- Sabrina Araiza, Teacher

Sabrina Araiza shared a short clip of Israel Balikolo's capstone, a presentation representing the student's growth at GLAAZ. The capstone project demonstrates the culmination of skills and knowledge the girls have gained during their four years at GLAAZ. One of the capstone benefits Sabrina explained is that it helps create self-confidence amongst the girls and building a sense of preparedness for post-secondary endeavors.

- C. CPLC Community Schools District Support- Erin Garcia and Lori Mejia
Lori Mejia shared a document outlining the areas of support the CPLC Community Schools District will provide to GLAAZ. The document was categorized into three areas: the business and operational services, academic/instruction support, and school governance support. The business and operations manage all non-instructional services such as but not limited to fiscal and legal compliance. The academic and instruction support provides the site administrator with internal and external resources to supplement the school efforts in improving the instructional leadership. The final category is school governance support appropriate to policymaking, equitable resource allocations, and transparent accountability to all stakeholders. A copy of the document will be attached with the meeting's minutes and shared with the Board.

IV. Reports

- A. Nathan Pullen, Board President, and Janis Gallego, Associate Counsel. Legal, CPLC Change in Charter Control Amendment Update:
- Janis Gallego provided a charter control update regarding the amendment to merge GLAAZ with CPLC Community Schools. The application has been submitted to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. If the request is substantively complete, the Executive Director's request may be considered for approval or placed on the Board's agenda. The agreed, approved change by the GLAAZ board is to change the ownership from FloCrit to CPLC and operate as a different entity.
- B. Chief Academic Officer Report
COA Dawn Woods shared the following updates:
- Professional Development 3 Year Plan (2022-2025) a brief overview of the three-year plan was shared with the Board. The format is similar to the prior format. The new plan changes included supporting the school's improvement plan. An example was the purchase of Achieve3000, a supplemental literacy program, and a new ELA curriculum.
 - The Balanced Assessment Plan was shared and reviewed. The change compared to the last plan is the mandated state assessments and added surveys.
 - School Updates is graduation is tomorrow evening, and while it has been a tradition for the commencement to take place at the Phoenix College this year, they are not allowing outside events. However, one of the coaches who is also employed at Southwestern American Indian College was able to secure the gymnasium for the event.
 - The grant update is that all grants have been submitted and reviewed; however, some have been rejected for minor edits but anticipate resubmitting for funding to be made available effective the new school year of July 1.

V. Financial Report

A. Al Charlesworth provided an oral report regarding school finances

- There is a financial strain due to low enrollment, but there is a \$17,000 operating profit for the month. The grant revenue for the month is less than the budget. On a positive note, a \$10,000 grant revenue was not previously accounted for, but the expenses can't be adjusted as quickly. The slight overbudget expenses include the purchase of the new curriculum.

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Nathan Pullen made three calls to the audience. There were no community members on the call.

VII. Action Items

A. Approval of the Professional Development 3-Year Plan (2022-2025)

B. Approval of the Balanced Assessment Plan (2021-2022)

Nina Munson moved to approve the Professional Development 3-Year Plan (2022-2025) and the Balanced Assessment Plan (2021-2022). Kimberly Muphy seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

June 15, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Room 200 or Virtually

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. by Maryann Richardson and seconded by Kimberly Murphy. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted this 20TH day of May 2021

Yizza Mares