



School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2021

The Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona Governing Board meeting was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, virtually.

Yizza Mares served as recording secretary.

Members Present: Nathan Pullen, Marli Mayon, Nina Munson, and Kimberly Murphy

Members Absent: Maryann Richardson

Guests Present: Cassandra Anderson, April Dicerson, Chicanos Por La Causa Staff: Erin Garcia, Lori Mejia, Mehdi Lasker, Janis Gallego, Alicia Nuñez and Yizza Mares

Staff Members Present: Dr. Connie Jordan, Principal, and Allen Charlesworth, Florence Crittenton Service's CFO.

I. General

A. Call to Order – Nathan Pullen, Board Chair

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Nathan Pullen.

B. Roll Call – Nathan Pullen

Nathan Pullen welcomed everyone and noted that Maryann Richardson was absent but that there was a quorum.

II. Approval

A. Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2021.

B. Approval of the Agenda.

Nina Munson moved to approve the agenda and approve the minutes for July 13, 2021 regular School Board meeting. Marli Mayon seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

III. Reports

A. Nathan Pullen, Board President

- Change in Charter Control Amendment:
 - Nathan shared presentation was made to the state charter school board to approve the request to transition GLAAZ to CPLC Community Schools, which was approved and accepted. Nathan highlighted that the motion of approval was made by Superintendent Hoffman, who spoke at graduation two years ago; therefore, her awareness and continued support is exciting and appreciated. The final step of the merger is one more meeting with Florence Crittenton's board for the vote for CPLC to acquire GLAAZ master services agreement.

B. Dr. Connie Jordan, Principal

- Introduction
 - Dr. Connie Jordan shared she is beyond excited to be the new principal of Girls Leadership Academy. Professionally she has been in education in both the K-12



arena and college for over twenty years. She is part of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. She just received her doctorate in October of 2020. In her two days at GLAAZ she shared that she has already met with all staff and senior students and did lunch visits for more connections. This month, she plans to connect with the community, international groups, and schools for partnerships and opportunities. She is excited and can't wait to meet everyone.

C. Erin Garcia, Vice President of Social Services and Education

- GLAAZ School Update
 - Erin shared her and Lori's involvement before hiring the principal. She expressed her enthusiasm towards the ideas/partnerships Dr. Jordan will bring to enhance the existing program.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Nathan Pullen made three calls to the audience. There were no community members on the call. Nathan asked if Allen Charlesworth, Chief Academic Officer, had any financial updates to add. Allen responded that he did share the financials and the significant high point was that GLAAZ exceeded budget from a net income standpoint. GLAAZ had an expected operating loss, and the overall budget distress was a result of student enrollment. However, there was a small surplus in the overall budget for the year, thanks to grants and contributions.

V. Action Items

- A.** Charter Board Amendment - Charter Representative Notification Request to remove Dawn Woods.
- B.** Charter Board Amendment - Charter Representative Notification Request to add Lori Mejia, Superintendent.
- C.** Charter Board Amendment - Charter Representative Notification Request to add Yizza Mares, District Operations Administrator.

Nina Munson made a motion to approve the three State of Arizona Charter Board Amendment items to remove Dawn Woods as a charter representative, add Lori Mejia and Yizza Mares as new charter representatives for GLAAZ. Marli Mayon seconded.

All were in favor. The motion passed.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

September 21, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Room 200 or Virtually

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. by Kimberly Murphy and seconded by Nina Munson. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of August 2021
Yizza Mares, Recording Secretary