

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Posted July 5, 2021 at 1:00 PM
Governing Board
Glen Canyon Outdoor Academy

GCOA Mission: GCOA is committed to providing an active student-centered environment through outdoor expeditionary learning, collaborative teachers, and family and community engagement that will develop inquisitive explorers, cultivate creative thinkers and empower resilient learners.

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Glen Canyon Outdoor Academy and to the general public that the board will hold a meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-431.03.A.1-A.7, the Board of Directors may go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, concerning any item on the agenda for discussion, consideration or consultations: (1) of employment issues related to a public officer, appointee or employee; (2) of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law; (3) for legal advice with attorneys; (4) with attorneys regarding contract negotiations, pending or contemplated litigation or settlement discussions; (5) regarding negotiations with employee organizations; (6) regarding international, interstate or tribal negotiations; or (7) regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

Date/Time: July 7, 2021 7:00 PM MST

Where: Page US Post Office located at 44 6th Avenue, Page, AZ (posting only, due to no physical facility)

Virtual Meeting Only: Meeting ID: 987 5794 5061 Passcode: 024020

**ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION
AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Opening of Meeting:
 - A. Call to Order 7:02 pm
 - B. Roll Call - Determine Quorum

Present:

Jim Walker- School Leader
Susan Pilkington- President
Justine Carryer- Vice President
Susan Wright- Treasurer
Amee Payne- Secretary
Gwen Lasslo
Amy Beenfield

- C. Approval of Agenda

Amy Beenfield moved to approve agenda, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion, motion approved.

- II. Announcements and Comments

A. Statements Concerning Call to the Public
Currently not taking because of virtual means of meeting.

B. Call to the Public
Not Available

III. Reports:

A. School Director Report

1. Monthly Updates (Finances / Facilities / Enrollment / Staffing)

Justine C, Susan P, and Jim W met over the past couple of days for a leadership team work session which included work on the school curriculum, staffing, handbooks, budget, and facility acquirement.

Discussions with the Caviat superintendent are underway regarding the potential leasing of space. The Caviat building has possible space for 3 classrooms and grounds for modulares. There will be a Caviat board decision tomorrow regarding its availability. If a lease agreement is reached GCOA will establish its home office at Caviat beginning August 1, with more staff starting in Sept '21. More staff will be hired in August pending facility procurement. Until then, GCOA will remain in its current planning phase.

The building west of Caviat may also come available soon for lease.

Jim W sent an email to the City of Page requesting a leasing agreement for four acres (for outdoor classrooms) with the option to own. An application will be sent to an architectural firm for building plans and architecture possibilities.

2. Discussion and approval of vouchers and/or related items.

Not available.

3. Report from Justine Carryer on visits to Silverton School and Roots and Wings School.

Silverton, CO is a small town in a remote mountainous area and its school is a full EL school (expeditionary learning). This impressive school is 15-20 years old and incorporates expeditions into its curriculum along with social emotional learning. It has excellent lessons and its teachers have been there 10 plus years with the desire to spend their careers there. Justine plans to meet next week with the Silverton Head of School to establish a partnership with GCOA. Justine has also been in conversation with the EL national program.

Roots and Wings is located in Lama, NM in Taos County. It is a rural EL inspired charter school with new leadership. The cofounder will be in contact with Justine soon. Although there is a less cohesive atmosphere at this school compared to Silverton because of a recent reorganization, Justine will continue to maintain a dialogue with school administration and teachers for research purposes and to establish a relationship for GCOA. Roots and Wings has a strong math, science, and social studies curriculum, and has accomplished the restoration of wetlands in their area with the longest lasting water quality testing program anywhere in New Mexico.

IV. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval to use the State of Arizona recommended travel reimbursement rates for GCOA staff travel.

Amy B moved to discuss item one, Susan W seconded.

Jim will attend eight different trainings in Phoenix. Lodging and meals have been budget approved.

Gwen moved to approve item one, Amy B seconded, motion approved.

2. Discussion on GCOA board member participation in a board training facilitated by the Coconino County Superintendent's Office scheduled for August 16th in Flagstaff.

This is a free training from 4-7pm and includes dinner. Jim will send a flyer to whomever could attend. Gwen stated she would remote attend if possible.

Susan P also stated she could attend.

3. Discussion and possible action on the approval of Jason Romero of St. John & Romero, PLLC as the Board approved attorney for GCOA.

Gwen moved to discuss item three, Susan W seconded.

Jason Romero was recommended by consultant Tim Boykin. He specializes in education with an expertise in charter school law. He charges a reasonable fee of \$300/hr.

Amy B moved to approve item three, Gwen seconded, motion approved.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding GCOA Governing Board meeting dates. These dates will remain unchanged. The dates may change when the board is pared down to 5 members.

V. Closing of Meeting

- A. Next meeting TBD.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, August 2 at 7:00pm.

Susan W moved to adjourn meeting at 7:26pm, Gwen seconded, motion approved.