

MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2022 at 5:00 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: September 7, 2022 5:00 PM MST

Where: 19 Poplar Street and 331 S. Lake Powell Blvd.

Physical Meeting to be held at 19 Poplar Street in Page, AZ

Virtual Meeting Access: 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 at 5:12pm

B. Roll Call - Determine Quorum

Governing Board Members present: Susan Pilkington, Gwen Lasslo, Ameer Payne, Justine Carryer
arrived at 5:17pm

Governing Board Members absent: Mary Francis

Founding Board Members (non-voting) present: Susan Wright, Whitney Wertz

School Leader: Jim Walker

C. Approval of Agenda

Gwen moved to approve the agenda, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion passed with Pilkington, Lasslo, and Payne voting in favor.

II. Approval of August 3, 2022 GCOA Board Meeting Minutes

Gwen moved to approve the August 3, 2022 minutes, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion approved with Pilkington, Lasslo, and Payne voting in favor.

III. Announcements and Comments

- A. Statements Concerning Call to the Public
- B. Call to the Public

IV. Reports:

A. School Director Report

- 1. Monthly Updates (Finances / Facilities / Enrollment / Staffing)
No updates.

V. Business:

- 1. Discussion and possible action to approve Lynny Pierce Jones as the GCOA Family Director – Susan Pilkington

Gwen moved to discuss Item 1, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Lynny Jones has many years of experience in Page, AZ, having grown up here and now living and working here, with a degree in Recreational and Youth Management. She is passionate about GCOA, and as the Family Director she will be working on student recruitment, enrollment, and retention, as well as social media communications. This is a grant funded position that works closely with the Parent Advisory Council and the school leader.

Justine Carryer moved to approve Lynny Pierce Jones as the GCOA Family Director, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion passed with Pilkington, Lasslo, Payne, and Carryer voting in favor.

- 2. Discussion and possible action to approve Jim Walker and Gwen Lasslo as signees on the America First Credit Union account – Susan Pilkington

Justine Carryer moved to discuss Item 2, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion approved.

There is a need for the two signees to live in town in order to make deposits locally. Formerly, the two signees were Susan Wright and Amy Beenfield, both having since moved out of town.

Justine Carryer moved to approve Jim Walker and Gwen Lasslo as the signees on the America First Credit Union account, replacing Amy Beenfield and Susan Wright. Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion passed with Pilkington, Carryer, and Payne voting in favor. Lasslo abstained.

- 3. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with EL Education – Justine Carryer

Justine Carryer moved to discuss Item 3, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved.

GCOA is an EL Education full model school. The EL consultant has worked closely with school administration and staff to support the school opening and the working plan for GCOA. The consultant will continue to help in the growth and success of GCOA, and act as a coach for teachers, providing a week of onboard training and helping with professional development days. EL Education also provides a regional conference that helps in networking with other schools. This service is provided from grant funds.

Susan Pilkington moved to approve the contract with EL Education with the condition that payment be moved to March of 2023. Justine Carryer seconded the motion. Motion passed with Pilkington, Carryer, Lasslo, and Payne voting in favor.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract with Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Justine Carryer moved to discuss Item 4, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved. This contract is for 5 years at \$300.00 per year. At present there is one student requiring services.

Justine Carryer moved to approve a contract with Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion passed with Pilkington, Carryer, Lasslo, and Payne voting in favor.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve Jenny Lassen and Holly Sullivan as GCOA Specials teachers – Jim Walker

Gwen Lasslo moved to discuss Item 5, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion approved.

This is designed for the upcoming six week specials cycle. Jenny Lassen will be teaching a youth yoga course, and Holly Sullivan will be teaching a creative writing course. In Creative Writing students will be making comic-style books for the lending libraries currently being constructed. All levels of writing abilities will be accommodated.

Justine Carryer moved to approve Jenny Lassen and Holly Sullivan as GCOA Specials teachers, in addition to substitute teachers. Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion passed with Pilkington, Carryer, Lasslo, and Payne voting in favor.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve moving GCOA Governing Board meetings to the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm – Jim Walker

Susan Pilkington moved to discuss Item 6, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved.

This new time will coincide with Susan Pilkington's monthly visit to GCOA and allow her to attend the meeting in-person. A virtual option will still be available. Justine Carryer may have a conflict in December.

Susan Pilkington moved to approve moving GCOA Governing Board meetings to the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00pm instead of 7:00pm. Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion passed with Pilkington, Carryer, Lasslo, and Payne voting in favor.

VI. Closing of Meeting

Susan Pilkington moved to adjourn the meeting, Justine Carryer seconded the motion. Motion passed with Pilkington, Carryer, Lasslo, and Payne voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

A. Next meeting is scheduled for October 5th, 2022.