

# MEETING MINUTES

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: January 4, 2023 5:00 PM MST**

**Agenda Available: GCOA Elementary School at 835 Newburn Road and at [www.gcoacademy.org](http://www.gcoacademy.org)**

**Physical Meeting to be held at 835 Newburn Road in General Purpose Room**

**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 5:24 p.m.

B. Roll Call - Determine Quorum-

Present: Susan Pilkington, Mary Francis, and Gwen Lasslo

Absent: Justine Carryer and Amy Payne

Founding Board Member (non-voting) present: Susan Wright

School Leader: Jim Walker

#### C. Approval of Agenda

Gwen Lasslo moved to approve the agenda, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

#### II. Approval of December 7, 2022 GCOA Board Meeting Minutes-

Susan Pilkington motion to table the December 7, 2022 GCOA Board meeting minutes until next meeting, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all 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) Jim Walker presented: January 4<sup>th</sup> was the first day back for staff and students. GCOA is fully staffed and adding two students on Monday.

### V. Business:

1. Discussion and possible approval of the 2023 AZCIP Grant Budget - Susan Pilkington  
Gwen Lasslo moved to open discuss and possible approval of the 2023 AZCIP Grant Budget, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

Susan Pilkington presented the budget regarding budget for vans, supplies and furniture for classrooms, and employee pay budget.

Gwen Lasslo approved the 2023 AZCIP Grant Budget, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

2. Discussion and possible approval of Mountain Lion as the GCOA mascot – Jim Walker  
Susan Pilkington moved to discuss and possible approval of Mountain Lion as the GCOA mascot, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

Justine had compile origin stories about the mountain lion and voted the top one. No further discussions and questions.

Gwen Lasslo approved to use the mountain lion as GCOA mascot, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the hiring of Holly Sullivan as GCOA Family Director – Jim Walker

Susan Pilkington moved to discuss and possible action to approve the hiring of Holly Sullivan as GCOA Family Director, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.  
Holly Sullivan was a staff for GCOA as a special's teacher.

Susan Pilkington approved to hire Holly Sullivan as GCOA Family Director, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve ShoShauna Lee as a GCOA paraprofessional – Jim Walker

Susan Pilkington moved to open discuss and possible action to approve ShoShauna Lee as a GCOA paraprofessional, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

Susan Pilkington approved ShoShauna Lee as a GCOA paraprofessional, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve Michaelle Machuca as a GCOA Specials Instructor – Jim Walker

Susan Pilkington moved to open discuss and possible action to approve Michaelle Machuca as a GCOA Specials Instructor, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor. Susan Pilkington approved Michaelle Machuca as a GCOA Specials Instructor, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve Raini Goatson as GCOA School Leader for the 2023-2024 school year – Susan Pilkington

Susan Pilkington moved to open discuss and possible action to approve Raini Goatson as GCOA School Leader for the 2023-2024 school year, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

Gwen Lasslo approved Raini Goatson as GCOA School Leader for the 2023-2024 school year, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the new GCOA school site located at 835 Newburn Road – Jim Walker presented the process of inspection and this temporary certificate is valid until the permanent is received.

Susan Pilkington moved to open discuss and possible action to approve the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the new GCOA school site located at 835 Newburn Road, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

Susan Pilkington approved the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the new GCOA school site located at 835 Newburn Road, Gwen Lasslo seconded the motion. Motion approved with all in favor.

## VI. Closing of Meeting

Gwen Lasslo moved to adjourn the meeting, Susan Pilkington seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

A. Next meeting February 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.