

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: September 6, 2023, 5:00 PM MST

Agenda Available: GCOA Elementary School at 835 Newburn Road and at 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 MINUTES

I. Opening of Meeting

- A. Call to Order: 5:18 pm
- B. Roll Call - Determine Quorum/ Present: Susan Pilkington, Justine Carryer, Gwen Lasslo
 - Present: Raini Goatson, Whitney Wertz, Nikki Jaborski
 - Absent: Ameer Payne, Mary Francis
- C. Approval of Agenda
 - Justine motioned to approve
 - Gwen seconded
 - All in favor

II. Approval of the Minutes

- Approval of Meeting Minutes for 8/3/23 and 9/6/23 will be on the next agenda for October 4th, 2023

III. Announcements and Comments

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

IV. Reports:

A. School Director Report- Raini Goatson

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

- a. Finances
- b. Facilities: Leonard Edgewater is doing an amazing job
- c. Enrollment: An additional class has been added for 6/7 allowing new students. Enrollment is at 162 currently. 170 is cap
- d. Staffing: We have capacity to hire additional paras and academic interventionist based on equalization funds and grants.
- e. Academic: Celebration of Learning is soon. This will be the first one of our second year, with new teachers and new students.

B. School Board Member Reports

V. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract with Northland-Rural Therapy Associates – [Susan Pilkington](#)
 - a. Justine motions to discuss contract with Northland-Rural Therapy Associates, Gwen seconded, all in favor.
 - i. PT lives in Page and will work with one of our students.
 - ii. OT will drive from Flagstaff every other week. We're paying an hourly rate plus drive time.
 - iii. They are willing to do virtual meetings too.
 - iv. Initially, we reached out to 2 companies, Northland-Rural had staff capacity.
 - b. Justine motions to approve contract with Northland-Rural Therapy Associates, Gwen seconded, All in favor.
2. Discussion and possible action to approve the resignation of Ameer Payne from the PAC and Governing Board – [Susan Pilkington](#)
 - a. Justine motions to discuss resignation of Ameer Payne from the PAC and Governing Board, Gwen seconded, All in favor.
 - i. Ameer requested to resign from both PAC and Governing Board
 - b. Justine motions to approve the resignation of Ameer Payne from the PAC and Governing Board. Gwen seconded. All in Favor.
3. Discussion and possible action to approve the hiring of Donette Devore as a Paraprofessional – Raini Goatson

- a. Justine motions to discuss the hiring of Donette Devore as a paraprofessional. Gwen seconded. All in Favor.
 - i. Donette has been supporting grades 3 and 4.
 - b. Gwen motions to approve the hiring of Donette Devore as a paraprofessional. Justine seconds. All in favor.
4. Discussion and possible action to approve the hiring of Tina Richardson as a Paraprofessional – Raini Goatson
 - a. Gwen motions to discuss the hiring of Tina Richardson as a paraprofessional. Justine seconded. All in Favor.
 - i. Tina Richardson has not started yet, her fingerprint clearance card is still pending.
 - b. Gwen motioned to approve the hiring of Tina Richardson as a paraprofessional, once she obtains her Fingerprint clearance card. Justine seconds. All in favor.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2023-2024 contract for Justine Carryer — Susan Pilkington
 - a. Justine abstains from voting.
 - b. Voting tabled due to lack of quorum.
6. Discussion and possible action to approve Natalie Russell’s contract amendment for Data and Testing Coordinator position – Raini Goatson
 - a. Gwen motions to discuss Natalie Russell’s contract addendum for Data and Testing Coordinator position. Justine seconded. All in favor.
 - i. Additional duties have been outlined.
 - b. Justine motions to approve Natalie Russell’s contract amendment for Data and Testing Coordinator position. Gwen seconded. All in Favor.

VI. Closing of Meeting

A. Next meeting - on October 4, 2023

- Gwen motions to adjourn the meeting at 5:36pm, Justine seconded, all in favor.