

Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School Board Meeting
West Columbia, South Carolina
August 26, 2024

1. Call to order

Pennie Peagler called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Those present included the following:

- Board members: Wayne McKim, Andy Markl, Pennie Peagler, Chris Greer, Matt Cunningham, Michael Boulware and Mackenzie Long
- GCA staff: Dr. Brian Newsome, Casey Hallman, Marty Rawls and Kevin Heise.
- Erskine staff: Vamshi Rudropati, Bill Roach, and Dr. Missy Brakefield
- Others: Jay Ragley

2. Mission statement

The GCA mission statement was read by Pennie Peagler

3. Adoption of agenda:

Matt Cunningham moved to adopt the agenda with the change of order to allow Erskine to precede executive session and Andy Markl seconded the motion.

4. Approval of minutes from June board meetings

Wayne McKim motioned to approve the minutes from board meetings:

- June 1, 2023 8:30 am
- June 1, 2024 11:00 am
- June 5, 2024

and was seconded by Michael Boulware.

5. Presentation by the Charter Institute at Erskine related to Board Member terms

6. Executive session:

Andy Markl motioned to move into executive session and was seconded by Wayne McKim. Mackenzie Long motioned to move out of executive session and was seconded by Wayne McKim.

7. Actions as result of executive session

- Mackenzie Long motioned for a one time waiver of the bylaws that allows Pennie Peagler to stay on as chairwoman of the GCA board until April 2026 and was seconded by Andy Markl.

- Pennie Peagler motioned to allow Dr. Newsome the flexibility to pay out teacher bonuses over the course of the year as he sees fit and was seconded by Matt Cunningham.

8. Principal report

Dr. Brian Newsome presented the principal's report with updates on the new school year, staff changes and peer tutoring. Last year, Gray had a 100% graduation rate for the 1st time in the history of the school.

9. Athletic report

Kevin Heise presented the athletic report with updates on the beginning of Fall sports, the addition of girls golf and wrestling and an update on athletic staffing and their pay.

10. Financial report

Marty Rawls presented the financial report

11. Adjournment:

Andy Markl made a motion to adjourn at 1:07 p.m. and was seconded by Matt Cunningham