

**Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School Board Meeting**  
**West Columbia, South Carolina**  
**October 28, 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

**2. Mission statement**

The GCA mission statement was read by Pennie Peagler.

**3. Agenda Amendment/Approval**

Dr. Brian Newsome made a recommendation to the board to amend the agenda to allow public comments to precede the executive session. Andy Markl made the motion to move the public comments before entering the executive session. Pennie Peagler seconded the motion. All board members voted unanimously to amend the agenda.

Wayne McKim made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Andy Markl seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of minutes from the August 26, 2024, board meeting**

Andy Markl motioned to approve the minutes as written. Matt Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to approve the board minutes as written.

**5. Public Presentation**

Comments presented by residents living beside the school. Concerns were shared regarding the dust generated by traffic from the unpaved road to the fields, not having a fence around the containment pond, and concerns regarding the maintenance between Gray Collegiate's property and the neighborhood.

**6. Executive session:**

Michael Boulware made a motion at 12:11 pm to enter Executive Session and was seconded by Pennie Peagler. Andy Markl motioned to move out of

executive session at 2:33 pm and Matt Cunningham seconded the motion. All board members voted unanimously to move out of the Executive Session.

#### **7. Actions as result of executive session**

Andy Markl made a motion to authorize the Board Chair and Dr. Brian Newsome to sign an Operating Lease Agreement as discussed in Executive Session. Wayne McKim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. Additional Action Items**

- The State Mandated Cell Phone Policy was presented for approval. Chris Greer made a motion to accept the State Mandated Cell Phone Policy as presented. Matt Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6:1 vote. (Peagler voted no; all others voted yes.)
- The 2024-2025 Financial Management Policies and Procedures were presented for approval. Andy Markl made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 Financial Management Policies and Procedures as presented. Matt Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **9. Principal report**

Tabled until the 11/11/2024 meeting.

#### **10. Athletic report**

Tabled until the 11/11/2024 meeting.

#### **11. Financial report**

Tabled until the 11/11/2024 meeting.

#### **12. Adjournment:**

Pennie Peagler made a motion to adjourn at 2:42 p.m. and was seconded by Michael Boulware.