

**Gateway Science Academy Board of Directors Special Meeting  
September 22, 2021, at 4:00 pm**

**6025 Chippewa Street, Ste#206  
St. Louis, MO 63109**

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**AGENDA**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Dr. Bagwell
<b>Roll Call</b>	Dr. Bagwell
<b>Mission Statement</b>	Dr. Bagwell
<b>Approval of the Agenda</b>	Dr. Bagwell
<b>Public Input Session</b>	Dr. Bagwell

*(Please note, the GSA Board public participation policy allows each speaker no more than three minutes, and each topic is limited to no more than 20 minutes except with the concurrence of the majority of the Board. Individuals who do not have an opportunity to speak during the allotted time will be given the first opportunity at the next regularly scheduled meeting, and they can also submit their comments via email to [gsaboard@gsastl.org](mailto:gsaboard@gsastl.org))*

**Announcements/Acknowledgements**

**Consent Agenda** *Dr. Bagwell*

*Approval of August 18, 2021, Meeting Minutes* *Dr. Bagwell*

***Closed Session*** *Dr. Bagwell*

RSMo Section 610.021.3 - Personnel Matters

**Adjourn the Meeting** *Dr. Bagwell*

*Items in italics are action items.*

## **MISSION**

The mission of the Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis is to provide quality education with an emphasis on science, mathematics, and technology while balancing all core subjects. We strive to create an atmosphere that provides students, parents, and teachers opportunities for continuous growth, enabling them to reach their highest potential.

## **VISION**

### **Elementary and Middle School Vision**

Our students will enter high school ready to tackle any academic challenge and will excel in the STEM subjects.

### **High School Vision**

Our students will achieve 100% graduation and college acceptance.

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## MEETING MINUTES

### 1. Session Opening:

Mr. Goerger commenced the online meeting to order with the roll call at 4:00 pm

**Members Present:** Tim Bagwell, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris, Ben Diefenbach, Patricia Hunt, Orville (Beau) Goerger

**Members Absent:** None

**Board Candidates:** Kennedy Maranga, Ali Durhan

**GSA:** Nuh Celik- Principal, Wendy Gilliam – Principal, Brian Schick- Principal, Mustafa Icel, Principal

**Concept Schools:** Engin Blackstone – Superintendent, Hasan Damar - Treasurer

Mr. Goerger read the mission statement.

### 2. Adopt an Agenda:

Mr. Diefenbach made a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Bagwell seconded.

**Roll Call to Adopt the Agenda:**

Orville (Beau) Goerger: **Aye**, Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ben Diefenbach: **Aye**

**Motion approved.**

### 3. Public Input:

Two GSA parents gave public comments, and they are recorded for consideration.

### 4. Announcements/Acknowledgements

None

### 5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Dr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Diefenbach seconded.

### Approval of June 9, 2021, Meeting Minutes

No discussion

## Approval of June 2021 Financials

The Board Finance Committee met on August 13 and reviewed the June 2021 financials. Mr. Damar presented the budget details below:

- The June P&L report shows \$1,590,930 total revenue and \$2,266,096 for total expenses. It shows a \$675,166 deficit.
- YTD surplus is \$808,521.
- YTD revenue is 100.32%; expenditure is 98.27%. The end-of-year percentages of both revenue and expenditure are at very close proximity of 100%.
- The total cash balance is \$3,963,302 as of June 30, 2021. We have 82.52 days of unrestricted cash on hand.
- The total loan balance is \$4,016,849
- **PPP Loan Forgiveness Status:** \$2,080,300 PPP Loan is forgiven on July 6, 2021
- FY21 Financial Audit is scheduled to start at the end of August.

## Approval of 2021.2022 Personnel Roster

Mr. Blackstone presented the full staff roster of 21.22 school year with their positions and salaries.

## Approval of Special Education Local Compliance Plan

The school adopted the Model Compliance Plan made available by DESE.

## Approval of 2021.2022 Student and Staff Handbooks

Mr. Blackstone presented the revisions on the handbooks for approval.

### Roll Call to Approve the Consent Agenda:

Orville (Beau) Goerger: **Aye**, Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ben Diefenbach: **Aye**

**Consent agenda approved unanimously.**

## 6. Student Achievement and Activities - Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Blackstone presented his report for the beginning of the new school year, and each GSA principal talked about the first three days of the school.

## 7. Governing Board Related:

### Approval of New Board Members:

Two candidates, Dr. Kennedy Maranga and Mr. Ali Durhan, briefly introduced themselves, and the Board unanimously approved each candidate's membership to GSA Board. Dr. Maranga's membership is contingent upon completing his required checks.

## **Election of Board Officers**

The officers of the GSA Board for the new term are nominated and unanimously approved as listed below:

Board President: Tim Bagwell

Board Vice President: Orville Goerger Jr.

Board Secretary: Ali Durhan

Board Treasurer: Kennedy Maranga

## **Board Committee Assignments for 2021.2022**

GSA Board members committee assignments are as follows:

Governing Committee: Tim Bagwell, Orville Goerger, Ali Durhan

Finance Committee: Kennedy Maranga

Academic Committee: Patricia Hunt, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris

## **2021.2022 Board Meeting Schedule**

September 29, 2021, at 4:00 pm

November 17, 2021, at 4:00 pm

January 26, 2022, at 4:00 pm

March 16, 2022, at 4:00 pm

May 4, 2022, at 4:00 pm

June 8, 2022, at 4:00 pm

## **Board Evaluations**

Board members completed both Board Self-Evaluation and Superintendent's Evaluation. Also, the Board will partner with a third-party service provider, who is recommended by the Sponsor, to restructure its evaluation starting this year.

## **Approval of Bylaws Amendments**

The Sponsor brought to the Board's attention that Article X-Amendments section of the GSA Bylaws does not comply with the MO Sunshine Laws. The GSA Board adopted the new Article X section language from the Model Policies provided by MPCSA, and the Governing Committee proposed to approve the updated Article X section.

## 8. Other Business:

**Legal Counsel for Allowable Board Expenditures:** Mr. Blackstone received legal counsel for the allowable Board expenses such as purchasing a plaque for a retired Board member, sending flowers to the family of a deceased Board member, or ordering meals for the Board meetings. The school attorney stated that the questioned expenses are common expenses to any organization and, in fact, are for a public purpose. School Boards have implied authority to present officers or employees with tokens of appreciation, such as years of service pins, plaques, and other similar mementos of nominal value, to recognize long and faithful service. As long as the expenditure is of nominal value and made for a public purpose (to recognize long-time service to the school, etc.), there would be no Constitutional violation.

## 9. Adjourn the Meeting

Mr. Diefenbach moved to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Bagwell seconded.

### Roll Call to Adjourn:

Orville (Beau) Goerger: **Aye**, Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ben Diefenbach: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.**