



**Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022  
Via Videoconference**

**MINUTES**

**Participants:** Glen Howard, Chair  
Scott Bess  
Michelle Gilliard  
Elizabeth Karmin  
Catherine Meloy  
Shirlissa Steele  
April Young

The following staff members were also present: Jeff Cole, Chelsea Kirk, Colleen Paletta, Rosa Proctor, Elizabeth Rienzo, and Josh Wallish. Ms. Rienzo recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Howard called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

**Mission Moment**

Dr. Kirk presented the Mission Moment, highlighting the accomplishments of recent graduates Andre Glossman and LaShawn Jasper, as well as Juliet McKenzie, who is on track to graduate in July.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Howard asked for any proposed corrections or other revisions to the minutes of the December 14, 2021, Board meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the **Board unanimously approved the minutes by roll call vote.**

**Financial Report**

Ms. Proctor presented the year-to-date January 2022 financials, highlighting several items of particular importance. Discussion followed with Ms. Proctor responding to questions.

**Operational Update**

Ms. Paletta provided an update on school operations, focusing on year-to-date charter goals, teacher and student vaccination status, and the vision for a continued and expanded virtual component for SY22-23. Discussion followed, with Ms. Paletta and Dr. Kirk responding to questions.

Ms. Paletta presented an update on the construction of the second GEC campus, reporting that construction is progressing well and that the first term for in-person learning is expected to be term one of SY 22-23.

Ms. Meloy informed the Board that, in 2019, the Maryland State Departments of Education and Labor issued a Solicitation for Proposals to establish an alternative method for adults, 21 years and older, to earn a high school diploma. She explained that this allows the potential to open an Excel Center in Maryland. With the second GEC campus opening soon in the District, Management is exploring how to obtain funding and approval to open a campus in Prince Georges County.

**Public Comment**

No one from the public attended the meeting.

Mr. Howard adjourned the meeting at 11:55am.

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Elizabeth Karmin  
Secretary