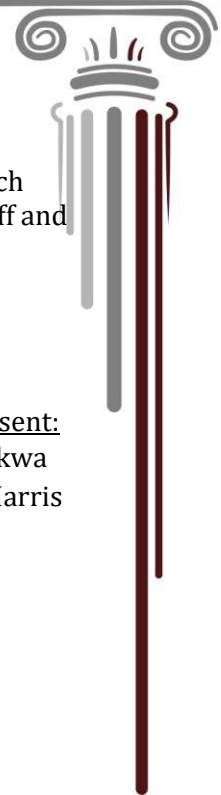




"Creating An Elite Learning Community That Eliminates Academic Barriers"

**GEORGE GERVIN PREP ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD
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The George Gervin Prep Academy Governing Board’s Mission is to provide resources, which support student growth and development as well as preparation of the administrative staff and teachers that will allow them to successfully compete in the educational arena.

**MINUTES
April 16, 2026**

Members Present:

- Herb Jackson, Chairman
- Michael Williams

- Dr. Robert Pipkins
- Dr. Amina Simmons

Members Absent:

- Norman Darkwa
- Dr. Tamala Harris

Staff Present:

- Barbara Hawkins, Superintendent
- Katlin Hewson, Principal

Staff Absent:

None

Call to Order – Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:50pm

Pledge of Allegiance – all present participated

Call to the public - This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Governing Board. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01 and in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, the Governing Board will neither discuss nor act on issues raised during this portion of the agenda. When necessary, issues will be taken into consideration and placed on a subsequent agenda.

No members of the public were present.

Approval of Minutes – March 2026 minutes - Motion to approve minutes
Dr. Pipkins moved and Dr. Amina Simmons seconded, unanimously approved 4-0.

Principals Report – Principal Hewsom gave an overview of the testing that included 100% participation and the importance on focusing on next school year. It appears the middle school students are showing a heightened level of defiance and disrespect which will be addressed. Enrollment sits at 163 with the loss of one 4th grader and 1 kinder mainly due to moving out of the area. Also, there were 3 new students. The SPED count is still at 20 with EL at 48 and McKenney Vento at 9 students. Two parents requested that their child be retained one in the

3rd grade the other in the 8th grade. Results of the AZELLA test results should be available by April 30, 2026.

We're waiting on a response to the grants applied for to include 21st Century, SEI and Direct student service grants. All staffing positions were posted to include on Linkin. Resignations were received from the Assistant Principal of Operations and the Compliance Officer for the 2027 school year they are opening a non-profit to provide tutoring and other after school activities. We're waiting on the school safety plan review from the police and fire to ensure the Emergency Operational Evacuation and Disaster Relief Plans are complete.

Board member Dr. Simmons volunteered to work on grants this summer. Also, there are a host of Events and making connections for our students that will be occurring. Superintendent Hawkins suggested a list of organizations to connect with that can provide support to our students.

Motion to approve the principals report moved by Dr. Pipkins and seconded by Mike Williams, unanimously approved 4-0.

Superintendents Reports: Building repairs are being taken care of as stated in the March 2026 meeting. Chairman Jackson suggested looking at solar panels to reduce the utility costs and shared there are some grants that may cover some of the installation costs. Ms. Hawkins reviewed the financial as attached and emphasized we need to solicit funding from community partners which have not been done previously and Increase student enrollment for the upcoming school year. Board member Williams asked about the Crox Center and what type of programming that can support GGPA students which is believed to be costly. GGPA continues to remain in compliance academically, operationally and financially.

Motion to approve the superintendent report moved by Mike Williams, and seconded by Dr. Pipkins, unanimously approved 4-0.

Committee Reports – None

Additional Action Items – None

Other Business – Ms. Hawkins mentioned the role 100 Black Men and Women could play in supporting our students, parents, Links, Devine 9 and other civic groups.

Executive Session* - None

Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.