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GEORGE GERVIN PREP ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD
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MISSION

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 January 22, 2026

Members Present:

- Herb Jackson, Chairman
- Michael Williams
- Dr. Robert Pipkins
- Dr. Amina Simmons
- Dr. Tamala Harris

Members Absent:

Norman Darkwa

Staff Present:

- Barbara Hawkins, Superintendent
- Katlin Hewson, Principal

Staff Absent:

- I. Call to Order – Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:36pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – all present participated
- III. 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.**
- IV. Approval of Minutes – December 2025 minutes tabled until February 2026 meeting.
- V. Principals Report – Principal Hewson gave an overview of the school's glows and grows, she also raised concerns about 5 cases of lice, current enrollment of 171 with 2 withdrawals due to moving out of state. Demographics include very few behavior issues, 20 SPED students, 48 EL students, 8 students under review from Child Find results: 3 McKinney-Vento students and acquisition of a phonics program. In the coming days performance data will be reviewed to

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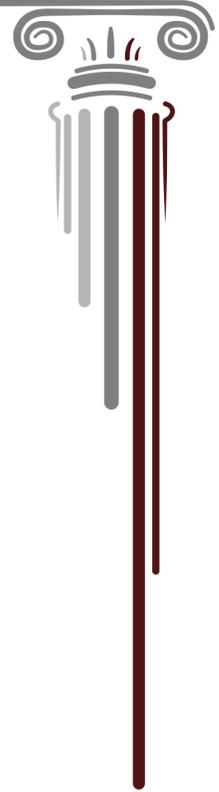
close gaps; the school is scheduled for a food and ESEA audit. Move On With Reading (MOWR) is on schedule. Principal Hewson shared her concern about recruiting teachers for the 2026-2027 school year. Dr. Simmons shared that on Wednesday April 15th ASU will host a Job fair as well as they hold regular job fairs that GGPA should attend. Also, Maricopa gives out grants around \$17,000 to \$20,000 for teacher training. As well as GGPA needs to develop a K-5th grade Literacy Plan.

Finally, the roof is still leaking and will need fixing. *Mr. Williams motioned and Dr. Simmons seconded, unanimously approved the principal report. 5-0.*

Superintendent Report - Superintendent Hawkins gave an update on building repairs regarding the roof leaks which will happen around spring break. In addition, GGPA leadership will start interviewing staff for school year 2026-2027. Financial statements were reviewed by the board and Ms. Hawkins shared the current deficiency is directly related to outstanding grant drawdowns. We're waiting on GME to re-open so we can process reimbursements. Ms. Hawkins reviewed the change in the Counselor position funds. ADE changed the allowable activities of the grant which allows expenses associated school safety. Once the need is established GGPA will proceed with procurements for a Raptor ID system, locks on interior and exterior doors, a front fence and an access system with either a swipe card or a combination lock. Staff evaluations are underway and a new salary and performance scale is being developed for board review. GGPA website was reinstated under a new URL code.

The board oversight committee briefly met yet and will continue to do so in the next couple of months. Board member Williams and Dr. Harris along with Ms. Hawkins was present. Dr. Harris outlined the importance of having performance data to review prior to making any recommendations. Principal Hewson has provided the information, and the committee will convene to discuss. *Dr. Pipkins made the motion, Mr. Williams seconded, unanimously approved the superintendent report. 5-0.*

- VI. Committee Reports:
 - a. Program Planning: No activity
 - b. Nominating: No activity
 - c. Special Events: No activity
- VII. Action Items – None
- VIII. Other Business – None
- IX. Executive Session* - No



X. Adjournment

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