

George Gervin Prep Academy

GEORGE GERVIN PREP ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD
2801 E. Southern Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85042

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 November 20, 2025

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Norman Darkwa

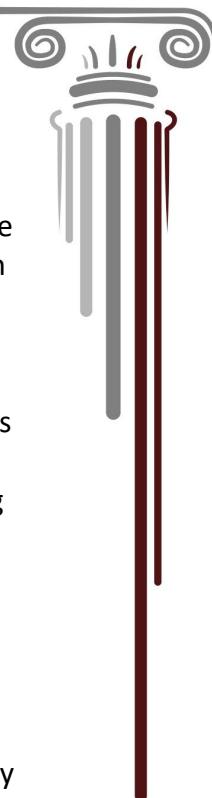
Staff Present:

- Barbara Hawkins, Superintendent
- Katlin Hewson, Principal

Staff Absent:

- I. Call to Order – Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:40pm
- 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 – October 2025 – Dr. Pipkin made the *motion to approve the minutes*, Dr. Simmons seconded, unanimously approved 5-0.

Building Bridges of Hope and Opportunity

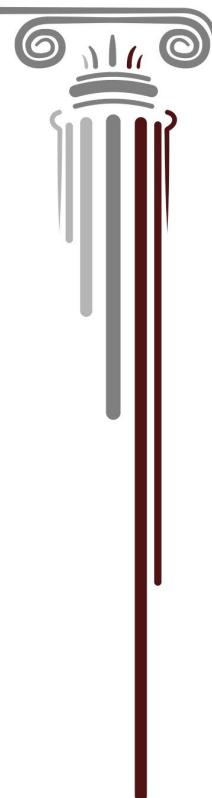


V. Principals Report – Principal Hewson shared the schools' field trips and activities to include the Science Center and a Fall Festival which had a good turnout. There will be monthly activities provided for students and parents. Staff positions filled is the ELA teacher and registrar, open positions are middle school Math, ELA, EL para and SPED. Ms. Hewson and Harrison are working on K-2nd grade interventions. Hearing and vision screenings have occurred; 45-students failed the vision screening. Those that failed seemed to have eye glass issues and parents have been notified. GGPA current enrollment is 161 students, SPED is at 20 students, with two are pending, 48 EL students. Staff is reviewing K-2nd academics as well as grades 3rd to 8th formative assessments are being reviewed. The major observation from classrooms includes needing more student engagement.

New cameras have been installed, a need for minor adjustments to the cameras located in the back of the building is necessary. The new phone system is installed, and the all-call-phone system is working well. There are plans underway for Thanksgiving potluck with staff. Thanksgiving break will start 11/24 and return 12/1. December 3rd is literacy night which will be led by students. Ms. Hewson and Dr. Simmons shared information on the 17th Annual Greyline Festival with ASU. GGPA will pursue funding for MOWR. Finally, the roof is still leaking and will need fixing. *Dr. Pipkins, and Mr. Williams seconded, unanimously approved 5-0.*

VI. Superintendent Report - Superintendent Hawkins gave an update on building repairs regarding the roof leaks where bids are from \$40,000 to \$100,000. In addition, GGPA will be seeking a new janitor service in order. There is dissatisfaction with the current contractor. Financial statements were reviewed by the board, and the deficiency is related to outstanding grant drawdowns. Grants and Titles have finally received final approval from ADE so drawdowns will start occurring. The 301 Prop funds payout was discussed in which all eligible teachers who will receive \$750 and support staff will receive \$300. Final Letter Grades have been released, and GGPA has a B letter grade.

The board oversight committee have not met yet but will do so in the next couple of months. Board member Williams agreed to chair the committee and will call the other members Dr. Harris and Dr. Pipkin. Superintendent Hawkins will send a copy of the board list to all members. *Motion to approve the superintendent report, Dr. Simmons moved and Michael Williams seconded, unanimously approved 5-0.*



- VII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Program Planning: No activity
 - b. Nominating: No activity
 - c. Special Events: No activity
- VIII. Action Items – None, follow-ups requested are identifying eye glass resources for GGPA students, use Linkin as a potential staff resource for vacant staff positions.
- IX. Other Business – None
- X. Executive Session* - Non-Applicable
- XI. Adjournment – 6:22pm Member Williams moved and Dr. Pipkins seconded, unanimously approved 5-0