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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 October 16, 2025

#### Members Present:

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

#### Members Absent:

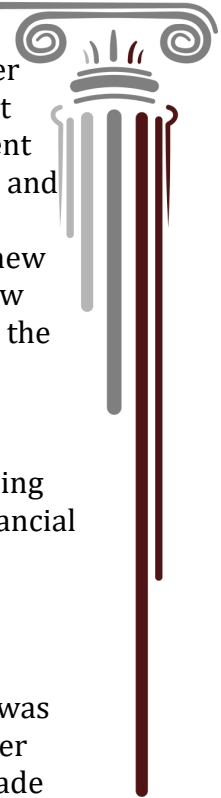
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#### Staff Present:

- 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 –September 18, 2025 – Dr. Pipkin made the *motion to approve the minutes, Dr. Harris seconded, unanimously approved 5-0.*
- V. Principals Report – Principal Hewson shared the schools' monthly activities to include: 100 Black Men field trip, Hispanic Heritage event and a parent teacher conference, all events were successful. On-going staff vacancies are 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math and ELA, SPED staff and a registrar. Board members Dr. Pipkin and Mr. Williams asked questions about what teacher recruitment strategies are in use. An update on status of the main phone system. The new counselor has started a *Building Bridges of Hope and Opportunity*



couple of weeks ago and is doing well. Students are demonstrating a higher level of tardiness and absenteeism so GGA will continue to provide support services. It was suggested to develop a call team and build a stronger Parent outreach program that provide necessary services to support the students and their families. Status of important issues: **1)** Enrollment (158) **2)** student withdrawals mainly come from 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, **3)** SPED (20) with 8 new SPED referrals, **4)** 47 El students (20-child study referrals). Staff will review data, develop Interventions, TIER 1 compliance to include MOWR. Finally, the roof is leaking and will need fixing. *Dr. Simmons moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, unanimously approved 5-0.*

- VI. Superintendent Report - Superintendent Hawkins gave an update on building repairs regarding the cameras, air conditioner, and roof leaks. Current financial statements were reviewed by the board which does not include any grant drawdowns. Ms. Hawkins announced the website was hacked, but the technician built a new website with all the same information and a similar domain. A fundraising activity will be planned for the future, student recruitment will continue. The Annual Financial Report is completed and was uploaded on October 15, and the Audit is due on November 15, 2025. Letter Grades have not been released, and we don't know when the A-F Letter grade cut scores will be released. But the grades are supposed to be released November 1, 2025.
- VII. Ms. Hawkins asked if the new oversight committee have met and they haven't as of yet but will do so by the November 2025 Meeting. Member Williams agreed to be the chair of the committee, other members of the committee are Dr. Harris and Dr. Pipkin. *Motion to approve the superintendent report, Dr. Pipkins moved, and Michael Williams seconded, unanimously approved 5-0.*
- VIII. Committee Reports:
  - a. Program Planning: No activity
  - b. Nominating: No activity
  - c. Special Events: No activity
- IX. Action Items - None
- X. Other Business – None
- XI. Executive Session\* - Non-Applicable
- XII. Adjournment – 6:30pm

