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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 September 18, 2025

Members Present:

- Herb Jackson, Chairman
- Dr. Tamala Harris
- Michael Williams
- Dr. Robert Pipkins
- Norman Darkwa
- Dr. Amina Simmons (*arrived 5:45*)

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

- Barbara Hawkins, Superintendent
- Katlin Hewson, Principal

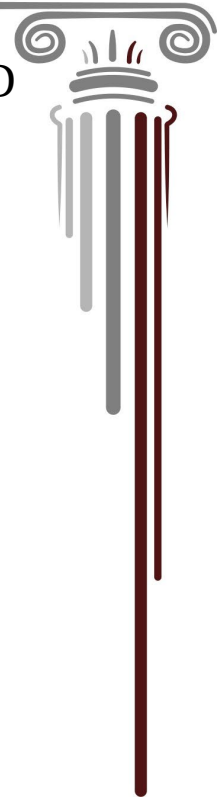
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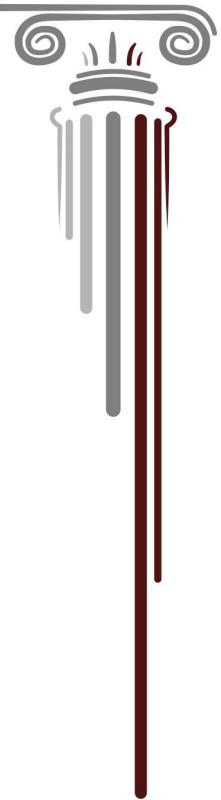
None

- I. Call to Order – Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:34pm
- 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

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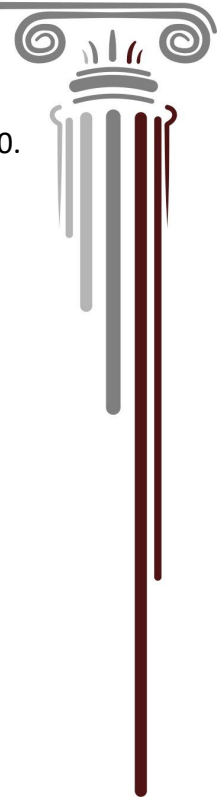


of the agenda. When necessary, issues will be taken into consideration and placed on a subsequent agenda. *No members of the public were present*

- IV. Approval of Minutes –August 21, 2025 – Dr. Pipkin made the motion to approve the minutes, Michael Williams seconded, unanimously approved 4-0.
- V. Principals Report – Principal Hewson shared ideals she has with new partnerships being developed with United Way and Grand Canyon to provide services through their current programs. GGPA scholars are working on a fundraiser with World Famous Chocolate. Challenges remaining are staff vacancies and getting qualified candidates. Open positions include an Art Teacher, middle school ELA, and a Gervin Teacher Fellow. Currently 24% of GGPA scholars are showing either proficiency and/or highly proficient results during the first Galileo benchmark assessments. Principal Hewson, Academic Coach Harris and staff is working on developing a comprehensive academic improvement plans to include professional development on data review and tracking student performance. In addition, Principal Hewson is fully implementing the PBIS system along with identifying Tier 1 needs.

Other issues being addressed are the phone system, inventory, audit of the student's data system (Synergy) and files to be completed by October 3, 2025. The new counselor will be starting September 22, 2025, which will be helpful with student behaviors. Contract work being done is tree removal, the all-call phone system and cameras. Critical dates are a field trip being planned with 100 Black Men on 9/25, Fall Break 10/6-10/10 and many other school events. Currently GGPA has 19 SPED with 2 pending: 48 EL Students and enrollment at 157 with 3 pending applications. Motion to approve the principals report, Michael Williams moved, and Dr. Pipkins seconded, unanimously approved 5-0.

- VI. Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hawkins gave an update on building repairs that are moving forward as outlined in the principals' report, policies and procedures are being updated to ensure compliance. Ms. Hawkins outlined the July 2025 profit and loss financial statement and will present the August report next month. Ms. Hawkins has put a pause on a fall fundraising event and is waiting until the spring to ensure all focus is on the current needs of GGPA. Student enrollment efforts will continue with an expectation of an increase after the fall break. The annual financial audit is underway and will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Hawkins asked if the Board oversight committee is meeting and/or working. They have not met yet so Dr.



Pipkin committed they will meet soon. The members are Dr. Pipkin, Mike Williams and Dr. Harris. Motion to approve the superintendent report, Michael Williams moved, and Dr. Pipkins seconded, unanimously approved 5-0.

- VII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Program Planning: No activity
 - b. Nominating Michale Williams – conversation focused on brining in a prior board member
 - c. Special Events: No activity
- VIII. Action Items - None
- IX. Other Business – None
- X. Executive Session* - Non-Applicable
- XI. Adjournment – 6:25pm