

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Global Community Charter School**

2/16/2023

6:33 p.m. – 8:27 p.m. (scheduled to convene at 6:30pm)

*Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for Global Community Charter School  
(GCCS) held on February 16th, 2023.*

AH noted quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Roll Call**

BOT in-person: Anna Houseman (AH); Martha Zornow (MZ); Luke Copley (LC);

BOT by video-conference: Juanita de Castro (JC), Misbah Budhwani (MB); Kate McGovern (KM);

Nick Pozek (NP); Ibrahim Yusuf (IY);

GCCS Staff in-person: Bill Holmes (BH)

GCCS Staff by video-conference: Kristan Norgrove (KN)

Public: Michael Farkosh Soares; Annie Huynh, Serigne Sylla, Zeinaba Ba, Evelia, Alfreda, Jasmine Rivera, Ana Pablo, Karen Crowder, Renee

**Public Comment:** None.

**State of the School**

Recruitment Update: BH provided an update on open seats in grades K-2 for the current school year. The deadline for the lottery is Sunday, April 2nd, 2023. BH shared updates on where GCCS stands with the number of current applications compared to last year and the 5 year average. BOT discussed the high level comparison of enrollment trends and challenges across the city. BH shared upcoming recruitment efforts and events at apartment complexes and community centers. BOT discussed plan B and backfilling, in the case where we do not meet our application and/or recruitment numbers. BOT discussed open houses for accepted students and ongoing tours, and retention efforts for current students. KN shared the sibling factor that affects transition between middle school and high school and BOT discussed efforts on promoting the middle school for GCCS families.

CAO Report: KN and BOT discussed goals around principal development. KN presented pre-pandemic chronic absenteeism rates for Manhattan, specifically for Black and Hispanic students, GCCS is performing better than those rates and highlighted the grade levels in which this is truly an issue and spoke about working with parents on understanding the importance of early childhood education. BOT discussed ideas around incentivizing families and children around attendance. BOT discussed KPIs associated with chronic absenteeism for GCCS.

BH reviewed the F24 budget and BOT discussed the best case and worst case scenarios budget projections based on enrollment projections.

**Items for Vote**

Approval for January BOT Minutes: NP moved, and JC seconded, a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 19th 2023 Regular BOT Meeting. The motion passed.

After review of a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by Michael Farkosh Soares is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select Michael Farkosh

Soares as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on 2/28/2026, pending approval by NYSED. The motion was passed unanimously (AH, MZ, LC, JC, MB, KM, NP, IY).

Adjournment

AH adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.