

**Greenville Technical Charter High School  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**

**June 17, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors met in person in the Student Success Center, Room 226, of Greenville Technical College, Building 102.

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Chris Loewer, Board Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Greenville Technical Charter High School Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present were Ms. Kelly Baird, Mr. Chad Davis, Mr. John Molloy, Mr. Bob Ground, Mr. Chris Jonker, Ms. Uta Samuel, Ms. Brittany Scott, and Ms. Chandra Snyder were present. Dot Fetters, Board Clerk, was also present. Dr. Rhonda Gregory, Principal, joined via Zoom. Ms. Mary Brantley attended via phone call. Ms. Jennifer Medlock was absent. Mr. Loewer stated that a quorum was present to vote.

**READING OF GTCHS MISSION STATEMENT:**

The school will provide equitable opportunities for all students to acquire an education that prepares them to be productive citizens, critical thinkers, and part of a global workforce utilizing employability skills.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chairman requested the approval of the minutes for the May 13, 2025, regularly called meeting. Meeting minutes were distributed on June 1, 2025. Mr. Davis moved to accept the May 13, 2025, minutes, which Ms. Baird seconded. Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION:**

- None

**HIGHLIGHT:**

- No highlight

**GTCHS REPORTS:**

**Principal's Report** - Dr. Gregory presented the Principal's Report.

Operations

- Compliance Tasks - SPED Meetings - 28 summer meetings held in 1.5 weeks
- Final Principal Evaluation
- Facilities planning! Plan A, B, C... Answering the "What if"
- SLC Lobby Project
- End of the Year Test Scores - Performance Review (Embargoed report)
- Safety Summit & Safety Procedures Overhaul - Plans
- AP of Instruction Transition Meetings – On-boarding for Drew Ray
- Master Schedule for the school is completed with 99% of students scheduled (very few conflicts this year)
- Interviews for SPED position
- Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- Title II Impact Report
- EOY Accountability Items

- EOY Performance Report
- Intake for new students continues
- Summer PD Planned
- SCASA - Myrtle Beach, SC (Admin team) - 2 presentations
- ISTE and ACSD - San Antonio, TX (Teachers/Admin)

## Facilities

### Building 120 Update

- Renovation is in full swing
- Weekly meetings to close the Charter Revolving Loan
- Finalizing the cafeteria design
- Timeline to completion is August 7

### Transfer of Ownership Update

- SC State Fiscal and Accountability Board will not allow GTC to gift building 120 to GTCHS
- GTC is proposing a sale of building 120 for \$10,000
- On GTC board agenda for June 2025 Meeting
- August - moves forward through the approval process which includes State Tech Board, JBRC, and finally SFAA.
- Attorneys for Charter Loan feel positively about this change.

### SLC Lobby Project–Initial designs presented to the board

## Student Performance

- 100% of seniors graduated
- 93% of students met Mastery on all courses
- 85% of students passed their college course
  - this is down from approximately 90%, but half of those failing earned 70-74 which is passing for college metrics)
- 27 students in summer school credit recovery
- 3 students in SC Virtual to repeat full courses
- Algebra 2 had the most failures for high school courses this year. Plans to address this issue in the Friday work sessions for the 25-26 school year, creating a targeted math intervention, and a new approach to the math strategies course.

## Finance

- Cash Balances as of May 2025:
  - School Operating: \$ 693,790
  - HomeTrust Capt. Campaign \$ 48,772
  - Reserve: (CD earning 5.15% for 9 mon) \$1,000,000
  - SC Local Govt Investment Pool \$ 607,536
  - Endowment: \$ 535,610
  - Loan Payment (P&I): \$ 38,000
  - Loan Balance Outstanding \$6,673,762
    - 20-year loan, matures 7/10/2040
    - Balloon payment of \$2,840,539
  - Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit \$2,000,000

**Chairman's Report:** Chris Loewer reported. Mr. Loewer stated that the school will need to address the new FOIA law where all meetings must be recorded. All committee meetings must also be recorded. The law takes effect on January 1, 2026.

**Executive Committee Report** - Chris Loewer reported. No meeting, no report.

**Finance Committee Report** - Chad Davis reported. The Committee met on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. The Committee reviewed the financials, and everything continues to look good. Work is still in progress on the financials for the State Loan. The Committee expects everything to go through for the loan. The financial picture will be very tight for July, however, there is enough funding available to get through until the loan is received.

**Secretary's Report** - Uta Samuel reported. No report.

**Administration/Governance Committee** - Bob Ground reported. The Committee met with Dr. Gregory and completed the Principal Evaluation report that is an annual requirement by the state.

**Academic Excellence Committee** - Mary Brantley reported. No meeting, no report.

**Appeals/Grievance Committee Report** - Uta Samuel reported. No appeals and no report.

**Facilities Committee (Maintenance and Supervision) Report** - Chris Jonker reported. No official meeting; however, lots of activity going on with building 120. Mr. Jonker gets a report every day from Triangle Construction. He will share a weekly report with members of the Facilities Committee. Greenville Technical College damaged some tiles when removing old equipment from building 120. This created an issue with asbestos that will need to be addressed. Maximum financial impact is estimated at less than \$2,000.

**Development & Endowment Committee** - Ms. Baird reported. Ms. Baird met with Dr. Gregory and they will get together with Tyler Mathews, Director of Development, in July to discuss the Committee's path forward and to review how the Committee can continue or assist Ms. Mathews with her current plan of development.

**ITEMS REFERRED TO PRINCIPAL FOR REVIEW AND/OR RECOMMENDATION:**

- Rewriting of the GTCHS Procurement Guidelines

**ITEMS PENDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OR BOARD REFERRALS:**

- None

**ITEMS REFERRED TO BOARD COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW OR RECOMMENDATION:**

- None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Personnel changes and Principal Evaluation: Ms. Samuel motioned to enter the Executive Session. This was seconded by Mr. Molloy. The motion passed unanimously. Entered executive session at 6:31 p.m.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

No action was taken during Executive Session. The board returned to regular session at the conclusion of receiving information regarding personnel changes and the Principal Evaluation. Ms. Samuel motioned to exit the Executive Session. This was seconded by Mr. Ground. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session concluded at 6:51 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- The Board unanimously approved the second reading of the budget for FY2026
- The Board unanimously approved the second reading of the Student Handbook.
- The Board unanimously approved the second reading of the Employee Handbook.
- The Board unanimously approved the second reading of changes to Policy BBB to reflect the new language regarding elections when there are no more applicants than open board electable positions.
- Ms. Samuel motioned to appoint Brittany Scott to the School Board for the 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 year. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Snyder motioned to approve the Board Committee Assignments as presented. Ms. Samuel seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously.
- Mr. Loewer removed the Action Item to approve the Principal Evaluation based on the Evaluation being a personnel issue.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- July 15, 2025 - Board Meeting & local board training at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Samuel and seconded by Mr. Molloy. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Mr. Chris Loewer, Chairman  
GTCHS Board of Directors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Uta Samuel, Secretary  
GTCHS Board of Directors