

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

October 28, 2025 | 6:00 PM

The Board of Directors met in person in the Multi-Purpose Room, of Greenville Technical Charter High School, Building 120.

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. Bob Ground, Mr. Chris Jonker, Ms. Terrie McGill, Ms. Uta Samuel, and Ms. Chandra Snyder were present. Dr. Rhonda Gregory, Principal; Dot Feters, Board Clerk, were also present. Ms. Mary Brantley attended via phone. Ms. Brittany Scott 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 September 16, 2025, regularly called meeting. Meeting minutes were distributed on October 5, 2025. Ms. Snyder moved to accept the September 16, 2025, minutes, which Mr. Davis seconded. Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION:

- Emily Michaels gave public input regarding her daughter, Lilliane Michaels, 2025 graduate.

HIGHLIGHT:

- None

GTCHS REPORTS:

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

Operations

- First Fall Dance in the Cafe!
- Deep Dive - School Data & Accountability - School Report Card Data - Embargo EXTENDED - no report card data may be shared publicly (includes board meeting/members). Release date anticipated in the first week of November.
- Full Report Card to be shared at November Meeting.
- SLO Conferences and First Professional Development Day (Breakout Sessions based on observations, teacher feedback, and overall need.)

Safety and Security Incident & Response from GTCHS

- Review with Staff, all safety protocols (cameras, doors, training, visibility, duty stations, our overall response).
- Principal Chats with all students to review
- Parent communication about incident

- SRO Discussion & Funding Sources
- PD Session on Safety Protocols Held
- Meeting Requested with GTC Operations to discuss incident & GTC Police Response

Facilities

Building 120 Update

- The first floor was painted by parent volunteers over Fall Break.
- Items Complete
 - Upgraded bathroom dispensers- No cost to install all new and matching dispensers across all 3 buildings
 - Ease of ordering
 - Ease & speed in replacing paper products (one key for all)
 - First filter changes complete for HVAC systems.
 - Power has been restored to Radiology Lab on the second floor
 - GTC hired an electrical company to come out and fix the mess that was left after equipment removal.
 - Building 120 First Floor Painting Complete (principal discretionary funds)
 - GTC completed drainpipes from roof to basement.
 - Completed Nurses' Suite Furniture (repurposed cabinets from another part of the building)
- Items Ongoing
 - Cafeteria Furniture to be fully installed later this week-Unveiling to be planned.
 - College seminar design nearing completion (SC Children's Grant)
 - Roof Leaks are still being investigated--
 - Greenville Tech had the engineers on site multiple times developing a plan to address the issue. The boots to the drains are leaking. Added to facilities' meeting agenda.
 - Ongoing issues with doors to buildings: Encore looking to replace one "strike" to determine if that solves the issue. Added to facilities' meeting agenda.
 - Moving furniture-- getting more rooms setup as part of Initial Building120 Plan
 - Slow process as we had "Ghost Tour" and used the rooms for that
 - Updating inventory as we set up rooms.

Finance

- Cash Balances as of September

○ School Operating:	\$ 797,611
○ HomeTrust Capt. Campaign	\$ 36,072
○ Restricted Bldg Collateral Acct	\$ 273,534
*CD matured 7/2/25 funds put in building account	
○ SC Local Govt Investment Pool	\$ 312,836
○ SC Local Govt Investment Endowment	\$ 529,941
○ Loan Payment (P&I)	\$ 38,000
○ Loan Balance Outstanding	\$6,612,655
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 20-year loan, matures 7/10/2040 ■ Balloon payment of \$2,840,539 	
○ Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit	\$2,000,000
- Audit–Submitted on time with no findings.
- Proposed Budget Amendment FY26
 - Increase in teacher salary to match Greenville County Schools
 - Evaluated budget to include \$1300 increase to math GCS.

- The proposed budget includes this for our staff on the teacher salary schedule (classroom teachers and counselors).
- Overall increase (salary + retirement) is \$57,460
- Beginning January 2026, a 4.6% increase in employer benefit costs.
- Revenue: Updated to reflect accurate per pupil funding and our WPU for 5th day.
- Expenses: Proposed Amended Budget includes GTCHS paying Spring tuition and college textbooks for dual enrollment courses. SCWINS approved to cover this; we are being conservative “if” those funds were to be depleted. Currently evaluating the tuition model for dual enrollment and all expenses moving forward.

Development

- Charter contributions: \$51,808 (money in hand), three times last year’s amount at the same time.
 - Compared to October 15, 2024: \$17,106
- Other Giving:
 - In-kind donations: \$5,165
 - Grant funding: \$120,000
 - Monthly giving: \$1,416
- September Fundraising Drives:
 - Coupon Book Sale: \$5,500 profit (included in Charter Contributions above)
 - Faculty & Staff Giving: 92% Participation

Chairman’s Report: Chris Loewer reported. Mr. Loewer reminded all board members that all meetings are moving to livestreaming on January 1, 2026. All meetings, including committee meetings, must be recorded.

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

Finance Committee Report - Chad Davis reported. The Committee met on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. The audit was discussed; everything is in line. Mr. Davis said the proposed changes to the budget were presented in the Principal’s report. Mr. Davis said the school is still waiting on the \$1 million loan for Building 120 from the state. The school is holding an invoice from Triangle until the loan dollars are received.

Secretary’s Report - Uta Samuel reported. No report.

Administration/Governance Committee - Bob Ground reported. The Committee continues to review the policies that are 5 years old or older. The state is requiring a policy that allows for a leave bank for employees that need leave beyond what is allocated. It is required to be in effect by the end of the school year. The policy for livestreaming was created and sent to all board members. The policy has everything required by the state but requires the principal and technology team to implement it.

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 meeting, no report.

Development & Endowment Committee - Ms. Baird reported. The first Development Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, November 4th at 5:30. Kelly Baird will be the chair of the committee and Tyler Barefoot will be the school representative. The main point for discussion will be a change to how the school currently recognizes the Charter Champions.

ITEMS REFERRED TO PRINCIPAL FOR REVIEW AND/OR RECOMMENDATION:

ITEMS PENDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OR BOARD REFERRALS:

ITEMS REFERRED TO BOARD COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW OR RECOMMENDATION:

- Ms. Samuel motioned to refer the addition of a Local Board Approved Course (Speech) to the Academic Excellence Committee. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Samuel motioned to refer the development/draft of a Sick Leave Bank Policy to the Governance Committee. Mr. Ground seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

ACTION ITEMS:

- The Board unanimously approved the second reading of the following board policies: BK, BJ, BIE, BID, BIA/BIB, BHC, BGC, BG, BEDM, CCB, CH, CBI as recommended by the Governance Committee.
- The Board unanimously approved the first reading of the Board Meeting Livestreaming Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee. Chris Loewer will check with the South Carolina Public Charter School District regarding the language surrounding executive sessions.
- The Board unanimously approved the Amended FY26 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- Ms. Samuel motioned to approve changing the GTCHS Board of Director's May meeting date from May 19, 2026, to May 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion pass unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- October 28, 2025 - International Culture Night at GTCHS 6:30 p.m.
- November 11, 2025 - Veteran's Day Assembly at GTCHS SLC 8:30 a.m.
- November 18, 2025 - Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- November 18, 2025 - Theater Showcase at GTCHS BBT 6:00 p.m.
- November 21, 2025 - Warrior Madness at GTCHS SLC 5:30 p.m.
- December 3-5, 2025 - PCSASC Annual Conference in Hilton Head, SC
- December 9, 2025 - Winter Concert and Art Show at GTCHS BBT 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mr. Chris Loewer, Chairman
GTCHS Board of Directors

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