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# Savannah Classical Academy

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Tuesday November 12, 2024 at 4:30 PM

**Location**
705 E Anderson St, Savannah, GA 31401

**Directors Present**
Jennifer Davenport, Lenorris Williams, Paul Sidney (remote), Rick Roney, Ryan Dew, Scott McGhie, Terri O'Neil

**Directors Absent**
*None*

**Directors who left before the meeting adjourned**
Jennifer Davenport

**Ex Officio Members Present**
Barry Lollis

**Non Voting Members Present**
Barry Lollis

**Guests Present**
Christina Orlandi, Katherine Reid

## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Scott McGhie called a meeting of the board of directors of Savannah Classical Academy to order on Tuesday Nov 12, 2024 at 4:35 PM.

### B. Record Attendance & Quorum Present

### C. Approve Agenda for November 12, 2024 Board Meeting

Rick Roney made a motion to Approve Agenda for November 12, 2024 Board Meeting.
Terri O'Neil seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| Rick Roney | Aye |
| Terri O'Neil | Aye |
| Jennifer Davenport | Aye |
| Scott McGhie | Aye |
| Paul Sidney | Aye |
| Ryan Dew | Aye |
| Lenorris Williams | Aye |

### D. Approve Minutes from October 21, 2024 Board Meeting

Jennifer Davenport made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 10-21-24.
Lenorris Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| Lenorris Williams | Aye |
| Terri O'Neil | Aye |
| Paul Sidney | Aye |
| Jennifer Davenport | Aye |
| Rick Roney | Aye |
| Ryan Dew | Aye |
| Scott McGhie | Aye |

### E. Mission & Vision

Ms. Davenport read the mission and vision statement.

## II. Reports

### A. CEO Report

- Overview of Veterans Day Program
- Reviewed Fall Benchmark results
- Math Manipulatives
- GA LEADS - Pilot Year II
- Attendance rate
- Operations
- FY24 End of Year Audit update
- ESPLOST V discussion
- Blackbaud introduction
- Athletic update
- Upcoming events
- Mrs. Davenport provided an update on the Chamber's Executive Committee meeting

**B. SCA Foundation**

- Next SCA Foundation meeting scheduled for December 4th.
- Update on Friendraising events.
- Discussion of individual tour requests of prospective donors.
- Discussion of Community Council and Savannah Scholars.

**C. Finance Committee**

- Review and discussion of financials through September, 2024.
- Next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024.
    - Plan to review accrual and Summer payroll process.
- Year-to-year comparison of School Nutrition Program expenses discussed.

**D. Governance Committee**

1. Board Candidate Pipeline:
Mr. Dew asked Board members to recommend prospective board and committee members for the commitee to consider.

2. Board on Track: Process and Expectations for Committee Leaders:
Discussion of integration of Committee reports and agendas. Board members provided feedback of platform.

**E. Academic Committee**

- SCA highlighted as a Literacy Leader.
- Review of academic data and next steps.
- Request to look at breakdown of curriculum, materials used, and cohort trends moving forward.

## III. Unfinished Business

### A. Strategic Plan: Discuss and Adopt Vision Statement

Ryan Dew made a motion to to accept the Abbreviated #2 Vision Statement as presented in the document - "To be a preeminent classical school driven by academic excellence, moral development, and a commitment to community.".
Lenorris Williams seconded the motion.
Discussion ensued. Mrs. Davenport left due to a prior engagement during discussions.
The motion did not carry.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| Lenorris Williams | Abstain |
| Terri O'Neil | No |
| Ryan Dew | Abstain |
| Rick Roney | No |
| Paul Sidney | Abstain |
| Jennifer Davenport | Absent |
| Scott McGhie | Abstain |

Jennifer Davenport left at 5:50 PM.
Rick Roney made a motion to adopt an edited version of Vision Statement #1 - "To be a preeminent classical school that achieves academic excellence, fosters moral development, and provides a lasting positive impact on society.".
Paul Sidney seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| Lenorris Williams | Aye |
| Ryan Dew | Aye |
| Paul Sidney | Aye |
| Scott McGhie | Aye |
| Jennifer Davenport | Absent |
| Terri O'Neil | Aye |
| Rick Roney | Aye |

Mr. Roney requested an update on close out figures. Mr. Lollis provided an update.

## IV. New Business

### A. Strategic Plan: Workplan Update

- Mr. McGhie discussed recent conference call with Morgan Felts to review upcoming plan.
    - Outlined first stage and reviewed timeline.

## V. Executive Session

### A.

### Legal Matters

Ryan Dew made a motion to enter executive session.
Rick Roney seconded the motion.
entered executive session at 6:07 pm.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Ryan Dew made a motion to enter Executive Session.
Rick Roney seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

| **Roll Call** | |
|---|---|
| Rick Roney | Aye |
| Scott McGhie | Aye |
| Ryan Dew | Aye |
| Jennifer Davenport | Absent |
| Lenorris Williams | Aye |
| Terri O'Neil | Aye |
| Paul Sidney | Aye |

### B. Personnel Matters

### C. Student Matters

Rick Roney made a motion to return to open session at 6:37 PM.
Terri O'Neil seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Dew

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**Documents used during the meeting**

*None*

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*NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 4:30 p.m. at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street*