APPROVED

Savannah Classical Academy

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday November 11, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Location
705 E Anderson St, Savannah, GA 31401

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

Directors Absent
None

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 11, 2025 at 4:33 PM.

B. Record Attendance & Quorum Present

C. Approve Agenda for November 11, 2025 Board Meeting

Terri O'Neil made a motion to Approve the Agenda as submitted.
Ryan Dew seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes from October 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Rick Roney made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 10-14-25.
Terri O'Neil seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Mission & Vision

Terri O'Neil read the mission and vision.

II. Reports

A. SCA Foundation

Presently focused on on year end giving for non-pledged and one-time or multiple time donors.

B. CEO Report

Instruction:

- Recent SCA Student Awards and Recognitions: Spelling Bee, Governor’s Honors Program Semi-Finalists, REACH Scholar, and Savannah Scholars
- 2026 US News and World Report Recognition: Best Public Middle and Middle Charter Schools
- Georgia Department of Education recognizes Literacy Leader and Math Leader schools released on November 7th 2025:
    - SCA Literacy Recognitions: 3rd-Gateway Achievement and Gateway Growth; 7th Achievement; 8th Achievement and Growth; HS Achievement and Growth
    - SCA Math Recognitions: 6th Growth; 7th Growth; 8th Gateway Outstanding Achievement

Student Achievement Data Review:

- GMAS SCA vs Local and State Data for FY25
- SCA Benchmark FY25 BOY and FY26 BOY Comparison
- SCA Benchmark EOY and GMAS Correlation Data

Operations:

- Athletics Update
- Annual Financial Audit Completed and Uploaded:
  - No material weaknesses found.
  - One significant deficiency found - School Nutrition Program
    - Auditor's Recommendations:
      - Recommendation 1: Ensure meals are properly tracked, consolidated, and claimed for reimbursement and that required documentation supporting the monthly claims is retained and made available for review.
      - Recommendation 2: Design, implement, and actively monitor formal internal control processes and procedures for the School Nutrition Program to ensure effective oversight and clear accountability with Academy employees and contracted vendors.
- Annual Report Submitted to State Commission
- Local Charter Performance Framework Approved by State BOE
- SCCPSS Requested Report – Enrollment/Staffing/Finance
- ESPLOST process meeting on October 28th, 2025
  - Engineering work will be paid for or reimbursed by ESPLOST Funds
- Growth / Campus Expansion Discussion
- Current Enrollment Update

Upcoming and Recent Events: 9th Grade New York Trip, Nov. 7th-Nov. 10th; Veterans Day Program, Nov. 11th; Fields to Forrest Fine Arts Exhibit, Nov. 18th; Housegiving, Nov. 21st at Ottawa Farms; School Holiday Nov. 24th-28th

C. Finance Committee

Presented financials as of September 30, 2025 for review and discussion.

D. Governance Committee

E. Academic Committee

Paul Sidney provided an update on behalf of the Academic Committee from the October 30th meeting, which included:

- Reviews of cohort growth models and sub group performance

- Discussion of connecting the school mission with the direction of the Academic Committee goals
- Next meeting is scheduled after Progress Report distribution

III. Unfinished Business

A. Approve CEO Annual Goals

Scott McGhie reviewed discussion from prior meeting.
Stephen Rilee made a motion to Approve CEO goals as presented.
Rick Roney seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Discussion of Committees

Scott McGhie tasked Board Committees to meet before December's Board Meeting and set goals.
Discussed three forthcoming accountability tasks and how these will be incorporated operationally between the Board and Committees: CEO Goal tracking, Expansion, and Charter Renewal.

IV. New Business

A. FY25 Financial Audit Results

Scott McGhie presented and reviewed the Financial Audit Report.

B. Governing Board Director Nominations

Scott McGhie presented the two Governing Board of Director nominations:
i. Joy Smith
ii. Tonya Imus
Terri O'Neil made a motion to approve Joy Smith and Tonya Imus as Board members.
Rick Roney seconded the motion.
Discussion ensued.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Discussion of School Expansion

Discussed during CEO Report.

D. Discussion of Board Designated Funds

Scott McGhie presented report for review and discussion.
Rick Roney made a motion to increase the previous board restricted for future use amount from $1,500,000 (previously approved by the BOD in March 2023) to $2,251,062 plus any future interest, dividends, or capital appreciation earned by this balance.
Stephen Rilee seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Executive Session

A. Legal Matters

Lenorris Williams made a motion to move to executive session at 6:44 PM.
Terri O'Neil seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Personnel Matters

C. Student Matters

Terri O'Neil made a motion to return to open session at 7:10 PM.
Ryan Dew 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 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Dew

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 4:30 p.m. at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street