APPROVED

Savannah Classical Academy

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting & Second FY27 Budget Hearing

Date and Time
Monday April 13, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Location
Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401

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

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
Paul Sidney, Terri O'Neil

Ex Officio Members Present
Barry Lollis

Non Voting Members Present
Barry Lollis

Guests Present
Christina Orlandi, Katherine Reid, Kevin Woodbridge

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 Monday Apr 13, 2026 at 4:35 PM.

B. Record Attendance & Quorum Present

It was determined there was a quorum as required by the bylaws for the transaction of business.

C. Approve Agenda for April 13, 2026 Board Meeting

Joy Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted.
Lenorris Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes from March 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Rick Roney made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting & First FY27 Budget Hearing on 03-12-26.
Joy Smith seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Mission & Vision

Lenorris Williams read the mission and vision.

II. Reports

A. CEO Report

Paul Sidney arrived at 4:41 PM.
Terri O'Neil arrived at 4:41 PM.
Instruction:

- GMAS Forecast/Academic Update presented and discussed.
- State Charter Schools Commission’s office of Charter School Compliance 2024-2025 Accountability Report reviewed: SCA is designated as Exceeding Standards.
- SCA was recognized Friday April 10th by Georgia State School Superintendent Richard Woods as both a Literacy Leader and Math Leader School for the second consecutive year.
- AI update and AI Policy presented. Request to adopt SCA AI Policy, AI Student Regulation A, and AI Teacher/Faculty AI Regulation B.
- Revised Charter Renewal Petition update.

- Leader in Me Program discussed: Grant Application submitted April 1st 2026 (the day the application opened) $6 million is available for funding grantees.
- Hillsdale College meeting update.

Operations:

- RFP for SCA's HVAC scheduled to post April 12th.
- RFP for our Food Service Management Company (FSMC) submitted to GADOE for approval expected to be posted next week for 30 days.
- SCCPSS FY25 Final "True Up" Funds and FY26 Mid-Term allocation presented.
- Legislative update.
- Enrollment update.
- Attendance report presented.
- Lottery update.
- Projection system and sound and performance mic system purchases for the gym presented and discussed: Request for approval up to $100,000.00 expenditure for Luxedo Projection System (sole source product) cost: $50,000.00 and Sound/Performance Mic System – Cost up to $50,000.00.
- Second Pre-K classroom renovation and repair report: Request for up to $110,000.00 to remodel current classroom to include all construction costs, furniture fixtures, and equipment. Request estimated cost of $17,000.00 to replace HVAC system for the same room.
- Review of upcoming school events.

B. SCA Foundation

C. Finance Committee

Scott McGhie presented financials as of February 28, 2026 for review and discussion.

D. Governance Committee

Ryan Dew discussed Board training requirements and deadline.

E. Academic Committee

III. New Business

A. Second FY27 Budget Hearing & Board Consideration

Scott McGhie distributed and presented the First Draft-Initial Budget FY27 for review and consideration.

Ryan Dew made a motion to to approve the final First Draft-Initial Budget FY27 dated April 13, 2026 as presented.

Joy Smith seconded the motion.
Discussion ensued.

The motion did not carry.
Joy Smith made a motion to amend the presented First Draft-Initial Budget FY27 dated April 13, 2026 to: (a) Increase Government Grants Income to $141,000; (b) Increase Art /Music Supplies Budget to $7,000; and (c) Increase the Strings Expense Budget to $13,000.
Ryan Dew seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Rick Roney made a motion to spend an amount not to exceed $127,000 to renovate the second Pre-K classroom, including HVAC replacement.
Lenorris Williams seconded the motion.
Discussion ensued.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Joy Smith made a motion to to spend an amount not to exceed $100,000 on an audio and video system for the gym.
Lenorris Williams seconded the motion.
Discussion ensued.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Executive Session

A. Legal Matters

Paul Sidney made a motion to enter executive session at 6:35 PM.
Lenorris Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Joy Smith made a motion to return to open session at 6:47 PM.
Lenorris Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Personnel Matters

C. Student Matters

V. 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 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Dew

Documents used during the meeting

None

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 4:30 p.m. at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street