

Genesis Innovation Academy

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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

June 26, 2025

7:00 PM

- I. Opening/Call to Order at 7:02PM
- II. Attendance and Quorum Verification
 - A. Attendees: Tamika Jones (TJ), Dr. Gavin Samms (GS), Alex Parker (AP), Dr. Marcus Shute (MWS), Alison De Souza (AdS), Marissa Coleman (MC), Keishia Niblack (KN), Jeff Lawrence (JL), Daryl Jones (DJ), Eddie Bradford (EB)
 - B. Absences: None
 - C. Guests: Jeremy Faulk (JF)
 - D. Quorum: A quorum was established.
- III. Approve Consent Agenda - AP motioned to approve the consent agenda. MWS seconded the motion. Passed unanimously without abstention or opposition.
 - A. Approve **June** Agenda
 - B. Approve **May** Minutes
 - C. Approve **April** Financials
 - D. Approve All Committee Meeting Reports
 - E. Approve Technology Acceptable Use Policy
- IV. Announcements & Recognitions
 - A. Welcome Jeremy Faulk, new Chief of Staff to Genesis
 - B. National Charter Schools Conference: June 28 – Jul 3
 - C. New Teacher Orientation: July 15 - 21
 - D. New Parent Orientation: July 16
 - E. Teacher PD & Planning: July 22 – 31
 - F. Returning Parent Orientation: July 23
 - G. Open House: July 30
 - 1. K-2 // 9AM
 - 2. 3-5 // 11AM
 - 3. 6-8 // 1:30PM
 - G. Spirit Night: August 1 // 6PM - Starlite Family Fun Center Stockbridge, GA
- V. FY25 Budget Amendment – Public Meeting #2 – TJ made a motion to defer the FY25 Budget Amendment – Public Meeting #2 to July 26. AP seconded the motion. Passed unanimously without abstention or opposition.
 - A. Boys Academy
 - 1. Discussion
 - 2. Public Comment
 - 3. Next Steps and Close

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- B. Girls Academy
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- VI. Discussion and Decision Items for the Board
 - A. Governance - (Dr. Marcus Shute, Committee Chair)
 - 1. Update: Board Candidates - Katessa Archer needs to visit the school or have a meeting with GS. CS confirmed tour has been scheduled with Ms. Archer for 7/9.
 - 2. Update: Board Training – AP has completed the virtual portion of the training, and confirmation was provided. SCSC shows that all Genesis board members are in compliance with the training requirements.
 - 3. Discussion/Update: Board Retreat – July 26, 8AM in downtown Atlanta. TJ and AP are formulating the board agenda for the upcoming retreat.

 - B. Finance – (Jeff Lawrence, Committee Chair)
 - 1. Update: [Enrollment](#) - as of **May 29**
 - a. Boys Academy – **303** (April 305)
 - b. Girls Academy – **300** (April 300)
 - 2. Discussion: Retention Bonuses will be finalized and presented at the retreat.
 - 3. Discussion: Money Market Sweep Account has been initiated to earn interest on idle balances.
 - 4. Discussion: FRC/Broker Contract - Board members asked to submit feedback by July 2. Concerns raised over clarity of commission payment responsibilities between FRC and Savills.

 - C. Development – (Keishia Niblack, Committee Chair)
 - 1. Update: Chief of Staff (GS) - Welcome Jeremy Faulk to Team Genesis. Development planning meetings will begin.

 - D. Academic Excellence - (Dr. Gavin Samms, Committee Chair)
 - 1. Update: Enrollment Marketing presentation will be deferred until the retreat.
 - 2. Update: SY26 Teacher Retention – There are no new resignations; hiring is ongoing.
 - 3. Update: Staff Planning – Recent leadership retreat was held to discuss strategic planning.

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4. Action: Vote on Proposed FY26 Calendar Changes – TJ motioned to approve the proposed FY26 Calendar changes. MC seconded the motion. Passed unanimously without abstention or opposition.

VII. Public Forum - None.

VIII. Executive Session - None.

IX. Action Item Review

A. Old Business (Prior Action Items)

1. MWS will share grant writing resources. - *Pending Chief of Staff hiring.*
2. Financial Policy Recommendation. - *Deferred to the Board Retreat.*

B. New Business (New Action Items)

1. July 2 - Deadline for FRC contract
2. AP and TJ to complete Board Retreat Agenda

X. Next Board Meeting **August 28, 2025 // 7PM**

XI. Called Board Meeting **Saturday, July 26, 2025 // 8:30AM**

XII. FY25 Budget Amendment Meeting – Public Budget Meeting #2 **Saturday, July 26, 2025 // 9:30AM**

XIII. Board Retreat **Saturday, July 26, 2025 // 10:30AM**

XIV. Closing and Adjournment at 8:21PM