

# GENESIS

## INNOVATION ACADEMY

*"Creating a Legacy of Greatness – One scholar at a time!"*

### **SUMMARY | Board of Directors**

**January 29, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

#### **I. Opening/Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:28 PM by Dr. Gavin Samms.

#### **II. Attendance and Quorum Verification**

Attendees: Marcus Shute (MS), Gavin Samms (GS), Jeremy Faulk (JF), Keshia Niblack (KN), Tamika Jones (TJ), Alison De Souza (AD)

*Quorum: Present*

#### **III. Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

Agenda and prior minutes unanimously approved.

#### **IV. Discussion & Action Items**

##### **a. Governance Committee Report**

- i. MS announced the annual governance training session for Board members.
- ii. Discussion arose regarding registration deadlines and attendance expectations.
- iii. Action items were identified to confirm registration status and ensure required participation.

##### **b. Finance Committee Report**

- i. A revised box modular lease renewal proposal was presented.
- ii. The Board approved the revised lease renewal.
- iii. Enrollment updates were shared, noting an increase in boys' enrollment.
- iv. Continued emphasis on community outreach to support enrollment growth was discussed.

##### **c. Academic and Policy Committee Report**

- i. Updates were provided on an increase in the gifted scholar population.
- ii. Upcoming academic events were highlighted, including the Scholar of the Month breakfast.
- iii. A mentoring initiative in partnership with By Omega South fraternities was discussed.
- iv. The Board reviewed a kindergarten admission exception involving a teacher's child who did not meet the age requirement.

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- v. A motion was approved to allow enrollment contingent upon a four-year employment commitment from the teacher.
- vi. The need to formalize policy language to guide future age-based admission exceptions was discussed
- d. Development Committee Report
  - i. The status of the relationship with Lance Lucas and Associates was discussed.
  - ii. Plans for a future facility fundraising campaign were reviewed.
  - iii. Discussion included defining fundraising goals, developing supporting graphics, and outlining next steps.
  - iv. Board member giving expectations and fundraising commitments were discussed.
  - v. Vendor partnership and sponsorship ideas, including potential profit-sharing concepts, were introduced for future consideration.

### **V. Public Forum**

No Discussion

### **VI. Executive Session**

No Action

### **VII. Next Meetings**

Board of Directors: **February 26, 2026**

### **VIII. Closing & Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM