GENESIS
INNOVATION ACADEMY

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

MINUTES | Board of Directors
May 28, 2026
6:00 PM

I. **Opening / Call to Order**
   a. Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. **Attendance and Quorum Verification**
   a. Present: Alex Parker (AP), Chair; Marcus Shute, Sr., Ph.D. (MS), Vice-Chair; Jeff Lawrence (JL), Treasurer; Alison DeSouza (AD), Member; Eddie Bradford, CFO; Tomika Jone (TJ) immediate past Chair
   b. Absent: Keishia Niblack (KN); Katessa Archer (KA)
   c. Guests: Jeremy Faulk, COO

III. **Approve Consent Agenda –** JF motioned to approve Consent Agenda. MS seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
   A. Adoption of **May** Agenda
   B. (*Note: No **April** Minutes; meeting cancelled*)
   C. Committee Reports
   D. Recommended Board Action Items
      a. **Action:** Verify Supplement Payment Approval
         i. (Recommended by Finance Committee 04/21/26 – Unanimous)
      b. **Action:** Approve Payment to The Learning Tree
         i. (Recommended by Finance Committee 04/21/26 – Unanimous)
      c. **Action:** Approve Bambo Sonaike as SCSC-sponsored auditor for FY26 Financials
         i. (Recommended by Finance Committee 05/19/26 – Unanimous)
      d. **Action:** Approve **February** Financials: Boys Academy
         i. (Recommended by Finance Committee 05/19/26 – Unanimous)
      e. **Action:** Approve **February** Financials: Girls Academy
         i. (Recommended by Finance Committee 05/19/26 – Unanimous)
      f. **Action:** Approve **March** Financials: Boys Academy
         i. (Recommended by Finance Committee 05/19/26 – Unanimous)
      g. **Action:** Approve **March** Financials: Girls Academy
         i. (Recommended by Finance Committee 05/19/26 – Unanimous)

IV. **Announcements and Recognitions**
   a. 05/26 - Last Day of School

b. 06/02 – New Parent Orientation
c. 06/02-04 – Administration Planning Meeting
d. 06/09-11 – Federal Programs Conference
e. 06/08 – Academic Committee Meeting
f. 06/09 – Development Committee Meeting
g. 06/09 – Board Member Training (New Members)
h. 06/16 – Board Member Training (All Members)
i. 06/16 – Finance Committee Meeting
j. 06/16 – 2nd Public Budget Meeting
k. 06/17 – Governance Committee Meeting
l. 06/22-26 – National Charter School Conference / Executive Retreat

V. FY27 Budget – Public Meeting #1

a. Boys Academy
    i. Discussion
    ii. Public Comment – No public comment
    iii. Next Steps and Close
b. Girls Academy
    i. Discussion
    ii. Public Comment - No public comment
    iii. Next Steps and Close

VI. Discussion & Action Items

A. Governance – (Dr. Marcus Shute, Committee Chair)
  a. Update: Governance Training
  b. Discussion: July Board Retreat
  c. ***Action***: Board of Directors Nominations
    i. Chair
      1. JL nominated, MS seconded AP for Chair; nominations were closed
      2. AP elected as Chair for 2026-27
    ii. Vice-Chair
      1. AP nominated, JL seconded MS for Vice-Chair; nominations were closed.
      2. MS elected as Vice-Chair for 2026-27
    iii. Secretary
      1. JL, AP nominated AD for Secretary; nominations closed
      2. AD elected
    iv. Treasurer
      1. JL, AP nominated EB for Treasurer

2. AP, AD nominated JL for Treasurer
3. Nominations closed
4. JL was elected unanimously as Treasurer for 2026-27

B. Finance – (Jeff Lawrence, Committee Chair)
   a. Update: FY26 Budget Amendment
   b. Update: Enrollment
      i. Girls Academy - 300 (as of 05/01/26); 302 (as of 04/01/26)
      ii. Boy Academy – 291 (as of 05/01/26); 292 (as of 04/01/26)
   c. Update: Health Benefits/PEO Selection: Co-Advantage

C. Development – (Keisha Niblack, Committee Chair)
   a. Update: Social Media Efforts
   b. ***Action***: Board Giving Policy – Minimum $250 per Member (FY 2026-27)
      i. (Recommended by Development Committee 04/14/26 – Unanimous)
      ii. MS motioned to approve the proposed board member minimum gift, AD seconded. The motion carried unanimously

D. Academics – (Dr. Gavin Samms, Committee Chair)
   a. ***Action***: Approve Cariina, Inc. Contract (Operations platform)
      i. MS motioned for approval; motion carried unanimously
   b. ***Emergency Action***: Approve Centegix Panic Button System
      i. MS motioned for approval; motion carried unanimously
   c. Update: GMAS Testing

VII. Public Forum

VIII. Executive Session – Executive Session was cancelled.
   a. Possible Property Purchase

IX. Action Item Review
   a. Prior Action Items
      i. Provide Full-Year Enrollment Report (JL)
      ii. Submit Board Giving Proposal (KN)
   b. New Action Items
      i. JF to provide AP with 501(c)3 info for donations

X. Next Meeting: June 25, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

XI. Closing and Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.