

The Genesee Community Charter School at RMSC
Board of Trustees & Education Governance Council Meeting

RIVER CAMPUS: FINAL Meeting Minutes

MARCH 26, 2025 | 5:30pm

Cunningham House Studio, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607

GCCS at RMSC Board Members: Adam Koneman, Colin Orr, Allison Shultes, Kendra Cadogan, Maria Oliver, Ben Clarke, Kiersten Shinrock- Blankley, Betsy Serapilio

Board Members Present: Adam Koneman, Colin Orr, Allison Shultes, Kendra Cadogan, Maria Oliver, Kiersten Shinrock- Blankley, Ben Clarke, Betsy Serapilio

Board Members Absent:

Board Vacancies: RMSC Representative (1), Community Representative (1)

Educational Governance Council Members: Kemouy Bhalai, Allison Carlson, Elizabeth Mascitti - Miller

Present: Allison Carlson*, Elizabeth Mascitti - Miller

Absent: Kemouy Bhalai

Invited Guests:

- *General Counsel:* **Kirsten Barclay**
- *GCCS Operations Coordinator:* **Maureen Milke**
- *GCCS Director of Curriculum & Instruction:* **Chris Dolgos**
- **Brian Hathaway** (Summer Camp Director at RMSC)

Legal Counsel Present:

Legal Counsel Absent: Kirsten Barclay

NOTE: * indicates that person participated remotely via ZOOM; names in **BOLD** are not eligible to vote

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome, Welcome Guests, Call to Order, Roll Call (Greeting), Review Meeting Logistics, Agenda Review & Approval

- Welcome & Welcome Guests
- Call to Order: Colin Orr called the meeting to order at 5:33pm
- Roll Call & Greeting - A quorum is present.
- Review Meeting Logistics
- Agenda Review & Approval:

Motion 20250326.1

Upon motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Betsy Serapilio **RESOLVED**, that the March 26, 2025 Agenda for the GCCS at RMSC meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

Voting in the affirmative: Adam Koneman, Colin Orr, Allison Shultes, Maria Oliver, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley, Betsy Serapilio

Voting in the negative: none

Abstaining: none

Motion 20250326.1 Passed: 6 to 0

2. Review & Approve Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from the meetings in the last month.

Motion 20250326.2

Upon motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Betsy Serapilio, **RESOLVED**, that the Meeting Minutes from the February 26, 2025 GCCS at RMSC Trustees Meeting be approved.

Voting in the affirmative: Adam Koneman, Colin Orr, Allison Shultes, Maria Oliver, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley, Betsy Serapilio
Voting in the Negative: none
Abstaining: none
Motion 20250326.2 Passed: 6 to 0

OPEN FORUM

3. Future Agenda Topics/and or Public Comment

Colin opened the meeting up to public comment at 5:42pm. No public comments were made.

**Ben Clarke & Kendra Cadogan joined the meeting.*

4. Executive Director Updates:

Beth shared updates on the following topics: *Attendance, Enrollment & Discipline Stats Updates*

- *Attendance, Enrollment & Discipline Stats Updates:*
 - *Enrollment:* Enrollment is stabilizing—enrollment to date is at 214.
 - *Attendance & Absenteeism:* Attendance is staying consistent around 91%. River saw a significant decrease in chronic absenteeism (defined as missing 10% of total days) over the last month and it is down to 25%, from 34% last month.
 - *Suspensions:* There were 2 suspensions in March
 - *Applications:* There are 327 total applications so far, up from 227 applications for next year out of ~36 seats. The team continues recruitment efforts through radio ads (WXXI, PBS Kids), holding open houses, Good Schools ROC mailer, and attended the Charter Schools Recruitment Fair on 3/1. There were also 2 Open Houses held on March 12 & 19th.
- *Highlights & Updates:*
 - Reminder for the Board that the NYSED GCCS Visit is coming up and will be held virtually on May 30th.
 - New York State Testing is coming up!
 - GCCS After School Program for Tier II and Tier III students will be running from 2 days a week from 3-4:30pm for 4-5 weeks. Families are providing transportation. The goal is an extra boost of support before the NYS exams. Using data and teacher feedback, students were invited and almost 30 students across 3rd - 6th grade are participating and 4-5 teachers are leading the program. The first session will start next week for River. The Teachers and School Leaders are really stepping up to help meet this need and should be commended for this extra effort.

5. Committee Updates

- a. **Finance Committee:** *Financial Review & Updates - Maria Oliver*
Both schools are working on the budget for next year and the Finance Committee is looking to bring that to the Board in April for approval. The Finance Committee is looking closely at our investment accounts; School Leader is doing a great job at minimizing expenses as enrollment did not meet budgeted amounts of students. Paying bills on time and making payroll.
- b. **Governance:** *Updates on Officer Positions and Open Positions - Adam Koneman*
Nominations for Board Officer positions will happen at next month's meeting. Board members currently serving need to let Adam know if they plan to continue and those who are interested in serving should reach out to him before next month. The Nominating Committee is also working to identify any potential candidates for open board positions and are especially interested in filling open Community Representative positions.
- c. **Personnel:** *Updates - Colin Orr*

The Personnel Committee met and discussed benefits for next year, the Executive Directors Evaluation and its process moving forward.

- d. **Education:** *None as the committee did not meet this month.*
- e. **Community Development & Engagement:** *Meeting Updates - Teresa Zappia-Sinicropi*
The CEC focused their last meeting on the celebratory picnic to celebrate the 25th anniversary of GCCS and to celebrate our community which includes action items relating to creating a database of alumni, past families and past board members. The date of the picnic is on June 7th Ontario Beach Park!
- f. **Diversity & Racial Equity:** *Meeting Updates - Beth Mascitti-Miller*
The committee has not scheduled the next meeting yet but is hoping to get it on the calendar for next month with an agenda focused on the committee's identity, goal setting, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Executive Session was called at this meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion 20250326.3

Upon Motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Kendra Cadogan, RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session at 6:16pm.

Voting in the affirmative: Adam Koneman, Colin Orr, Allison Shultes, Kendra Cadogan, Maria Oliver, Ben Clarke, Kiersten Shinrock- Blankley, Besty Serapilio

Voting in the Negative: none

Abstaining: None

Motion 20250326.3 Passed: 8 to 0

Motion 20250326.4

Upon Motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Ben Clarke, RESOLVED to exit Executive Session at 7:00pm.

Voting in the affirmative: Adam Koneman, Colin Orr, Allison Shultes, Kendra Cadogan, Maria Oliver, Ben Clarke, Kiersten Shinrock- Blankley, Betsy Serapilio

Voting in the Negative: None

Abstaining: None

Motion 20250326.4 Passed: 8 to 0

** Allison Shultes left the meeting at 7pm; Adam Koneman resumed note taking for the remainder of the meeting*

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

7. Approval of New Executive Director Contract for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Magaly Rosario has been offered the Executive Director position at GCCS at RMSC and their acceptance is pending Board approval. This is a shared position, split evenly across both schools—with the role at GCCS at RMSC .5 FTE and at GCCS Flour City at .5 FTE.

Motion 20250326.5

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes the need for strong leadership to ensure the continued success and growth of Genesee Community Charter School River Campus ;

WHEREAS, for the past 3 years, the Board has jointly employed an Executive Director with GCCS - River Campus City and believes continuing this structure is in the best interest of the school;

WHEREAS, the Board has conducted a thorough selection process and identified a qualified candidate for the position of Executive Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Genesee Community Charter School River Campus hereby approves the appointment of Magaly Rosario as Executive Director, effective June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with an annual salary of \$66,500, which represents 50% of her total compensation with the other 50% paid by GCCS - Flour City; and

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the employment contract attached to this resolution regarding the same.

Motion made by: Colin Orr

Seconded by: Ben Clarke

Vote:

Affirmative - 7 Adam Koneman, Colin Orr, Kendra Cadogan, Maria Oliver, Ben Clarke, Kiersten Shinrock- Blankley, Betsy Serapilio

Negative - 0

Abstaining - 0

Motion 20250326.5 Resolution Adopted on: 3/26/25

MEETING WRAP-UP

8. Review Actions & Agreements, Confirm Meeting Dates

Action Items/Reminders

- Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 | 5:30 - 7:30pm

Adjournment:

Motion 20250326.6

Upon Motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Betsy Serapilio, RESOLVED that this meeting of the GCCS at RMSC Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:10pm.

Voting in the affirmative: Adam Koneman, Colin Orr, Kendra Cadogan, Maria Oliver, Ben Clarke, Kiersten Shinrock- Blankley, Betsy Serapilio

Voting in the Negative: None

Abstaining: None

Motion 20250326.6 Passed: 7 to 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Shultes
Secretary of GCCS at RMSC Board of Trustees