

**Genesee Community Charter School  
Board of Trustees & Education Governance Council Meeting**

**GCCS @ RMSC: Meeting Minutes**

**October 29, 2025 | 5:30pm**

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

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**GCCS at RMSC Board Members (6):** Kendra Cadogan, Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Board Members Present:** \*Kendra Cadogan, Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Board Vacancies:** RMSC Representative (1), Community Representative (2)

**Educational Governance Council Members:** Magaly Rosario, Emily Volpe, Kemouy Bhalai

**Present:** Magaly Rosario, Emily Volpe, Kemouy Bhalai

**Absent:** None

**Guests:**

- Teresa Zappia-Sinicropi, Flour City BOT, potential GCCS @ RMSC board member
- Andre Dixon, Flour City BOT, potential GCCS @ RMSC board member
- Lindsay Campitello - RMSC representative, potential board member
- Regina Grice - potential RMSC and Flour City Board member
- Melinda Perez, CPA - Hevron & Company CPAs
- Robin Blew - accounting consultant
- Alexis Stubbe - GCCS @ RMSC teacher

**Legal Counsel Present:** None

**Legal Counsel Absent:** Kirsten Barclay

NOTE: \* indicates that person participated remotely via ZOOM; names in **BOLD** are eligible to vote

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**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**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 5:44 pm.
- Roll Call & Greeting - A quorum is present.
- Review Meeting Logistics
- Agenda Review & Approval:

**Motion 20251029.1**

Upon motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley, RESOLVED, that the October 29, 2025 Agenda for the GCCS @ RMSC meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Voting in the negative:** none

**Abstaining:** none

**Motion 20251029.1 Passed:** 5 to 0

## Review & Approve Minutes

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

### **Motion 20251029.2**

Upon motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Ben Clarke, RESOLVED, that the Meeting Minutes from the August 23, 2025 GCCS @ RMSC Board of Trustees Meeting be approved.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Voting in the negative:** none

**Abstaining:** none

**Motion 20251029.2 Passed:** 5 to 0

### **Motion 20251029.3**

Upon motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Betsy Serapilio, RESOLVED, that the Meeting Minutes from the September 24, 2025 GCCS @ RMSC Board of Trustees Meeting be approved.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Voting in the negative:** none

**Abstaining:** none

**Motion 20251029.3 Passed:** 5 to 0

## OPEN FORUM

### Future Agenda Topics/and or Public Comment

None

## Committee Updates

### a. Finance Committee - *Maria Oliver/Melinda Perez, CPA*

- Title funds and funding for meals are on hold due to the government shutdown
- Hevron Audit Update -
  - Melinda shared that a clean opinion was reported on our financial procedures and processes. There were no material weaknesses (or deficiencies) found; improvements on recommendations made during last year's audit were reported. The audit reviewed financial statements and made one recommendation (the aged accounts receivable should be reviewed on a regular basis) for future actions; Upcoming accounting/auditing standards reviewed
  - GCCS @ RMSC - Family Association bank account now reflected on financial statements; Investments decreased due to withdrawals to assist with cash flow, Revenue decreased due to decline in student enrollment; Payroll overhead increased from; Financial statements were prepared on a growing concern basis

### **Motion 20251029.4**

Upon motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Ben Clarke, RESOLVED, to approve the Audit Report for GCCS at RMSC as presented by Heveron & Company CPAs.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Voting in the negative:** none

**Abstaining:** none

**Motion 20251029.4 Passed:** 5 to 0

### b. Governance - New board member

### **Motion 20251029.5**

Upon the motion of Colin Orr, and seconded by Betsy, that the Genesee Community Charter School at RMSC Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no state or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having

verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to elect Regina Grice as a Community Representative member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on June 30, 2028, pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving Regina Grice was adopted upon NYSED's approval.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Voting in the negative:** none

**Abstaining:** none

**Motion 20251029.5** passed: 5 to 0

c. Personnel - *Colin Orr*

- o New Hires

**Motion 20251029.6**

Upon Motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Betsy Serapilio RESOLVED to approve Katie Haberberger as a full-time (1.0 FTE), 10 month teacher assistant for the 2025-2026 school year at the annual salary of \$35,200.00, prorated based on hire date.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Voting in the Negative:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion 20251029.6 Passed:** 5 to 0

**Motion 20251029.7**

Upon Motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Ben RESOLVED to approve Keri Prok as a full-time (1.0 FTE), 10 month classroom teacher for the 2025-2026 school year at the annual salary of \$47,787.00, prorated based on hire date.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Voting in the Negative:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion 20251029.7 Passed:** 5 to 0

**Motion 20251029.8**

Upon Motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Maria RESOLVED to approve Laureline Colaitis-Morote as a full-time (1.0 FTE), 10 month teacher assistant for the 2025-2026 school year at the annual salary of \$37,840.00, prorated based on hire date.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Voting in the Negative:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion 20251029.8 Passed:** 5 to 0

d. Education - *Betsy Serapilio*

- o *Committee is looking to examine iReady data to support their work moving forward.*

e. Community Engagement: *Teresa Zappia-Sinicropi*

- o Successful outreach event: Halloween at the Market; Upcoming event - ROC the day (12/2/25); 25th Anniversary Celebration in late spring

**Executive Director Updates - *Magaly Rosario & Chris Dolgos***

Chris identified that iReady data showed expected trends from summer to fall; Working to close gaps in subgroups specifically for economically disadvantaged students.

- ELA: Beginning a pilot program (Reading Reimagined) for grades 3-6, Staff has been trained and are ready to begin next week;

- Math: Committing to teaching math in professional development so teachers can better support students' mathematical confidence. Including data from both formative assessments and summative unit tests through Illustrative Mathematics

Magaly shared information regarding enrollment, attendance, and discipline data.

- Enrollment: GCCS @ RMCS is enrolled at 221 students at this point. Working towards targets for special populations (students with disabilities 6%, English language learners 2%, economically disadvantaged 48%); noted our successful intervention staff
- Strong interest/demand via Good Schools Roc applications
- Noted need for clear language in recruitment materials
- Attendance: 96% to date, 6th grade leading the way; 6 out of school suspensions in October
- Celebrations: 4th and 5th grade field study to Letchworth State Park, Halloween at the Market success, SUNY Geneseo Collaboration, Eugenio Maria de Hostos teacher visit to observe the K-2 foundational curriculum
- Thank you to Dan Apfel for helping to facilitate a \$7500 grant from Genesee Co-op Federal Credit Union

## OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at this meeting to discuss a student issue and a new proposal.

#### **Motion 20251029.9**

Upon Motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Betsy Serapilio, RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 pm.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Voting in the Negative:** none

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion 20251029.9 Passed:** 5 to 0

#### **Motion 20251029.10**

Upon Motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Betsy Serapilio RESOLVED to exit Executive Session at 8:04pm.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio, Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley

**Voting in the Negative:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion 20251029.10 Passed:** 5 to 0

## NEW BUSINESS

### **GCCS emails for board members**

All board members will exclusively use GCCS emails for communication and board documentation. Officers will have public-facing emails listed on the website.

### **2025-26 BOT Goals**

Board of Trustees Executive Committee will meet to finalize the 2025-26 goals.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

### MEETING WRAP-UP

#### **Review Actions & Agreements, Confirm Meeting Dates**

#### **Action Items/Reminders**

- Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 | 5:30 - 7:30pm

**Adjournment:**

**Motion 20251029**

Upon Motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Betsy Serapilo, RESOLVED that this meeting of the GCCS @ RMSC Board of Trustees be adjourned at 8:07pm.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Andre Dixon, Colin Orr, Lindsay Tarnoff, Teresa Zappia-Sinicropi

**Voting in the negative:** none

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion 20251029 Passed:** 5 to 0

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Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Zappia-Sinicropi  
Secretary of GCCS at RMSC Board of Trustees (pending NYSED approval)