

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

GCCS @ RMSC: Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2025 | 5:30pm

Flour City Campus, 1100 South Goodman St., Rochester 14620

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

Board Members Present (5): Kendra Cadogan, Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio

Board Members Absent: None

*Kiersten Shinrock-Blankley joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:59pm.

Ben Clarke left the meeting at 6:20pm

Kendra Cadogan joined the meeting at 6:43pm.

Board Vacancies: None

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

Present: Magaly Rosario, Emily Volpe, Kemouy Bhalai

Absent: None

Guests:

- Maureen Milke, GCCS Director of Operations
- Chris Dolgos, GCCS Director of Curriculum
- Teresa Zappia-Sinicropi, Flour City BOT, potential GCCS @ RMSC board member
- Steve von Berg - potential GCCS Flour City and GCCS @RMSC board member
- Lyndsay Compitello - potential GCCS @RMSC board member
- Emily Reiss, GCCS Flour City parent
- *Carolyn Anderson, GCCS RMSC parent, Family Association co-president

Legal Counsel Present: None

Legal Counsel Absent: Kirsten Barclay

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

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 5:50 pm.
- Roll Call & Greeting - A quorum is present.
- Review Meeting Logistics
- Agenda Review & Approval:

Motion 20251217.1

Upon motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Ben Clarke, RESOLVED, that the December 17, 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

Voting in the negative: none

Abstaining: none

Motion 20251217.1 Passed: 4 to 0

Review & Approve Minutes

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

Motion 20251217.2

Upon motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Betsy Serapilio, RESOLVED, that the Meeting Minutes from the November 19, 2025 GCCS @ RMSC Board of Trustees Meeting be approved.

Voting in the affirmative: Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio

Voting in the negative: none

Abstaining: none

Motion 20251217.2 Passed: 4 to 0

OPEN FORUM

Future Agenda Topics/and or Public Comment

Emily Reiss, Flour City parent - Shared comments regarding food service strategy based on the changes in funding and scope of needs. She offered to support the schools needs based on her professional experiences and connections

Committee Updates

- Finance Committee - *Maria Oliver*
 - Cash flow is tight due to timing of district payments; Government funds have started again since the shutdown
- Governance - NA
- Personnel - *Colin Orr, Magaly Rosario*
 - Communication to staff regarding the paid leave policies (including the medical bank) occurred on 12/17/25.
- Education - *Betsy Serapilio*
 - Consulted with a regional expert regarding MTSS; Designing a professional development opportunity for staff to connect existing school systems regarding cultural competency
- Community Engagement: *Teresa Zappia-Sinicropi*
 - United Way Roc the Day raised \$1,168.00
 - 25th Anniversary Gala - Save the Date: May 30th or 31st; Venue/date to be confirmed in early January; Committee to plan with stakeholder input

Executive Director Updates - Magaly Rosario

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

- Enrollment: Enrollment has been consistent, but some movement is expected over the next month due to families moving; Will continue with rolling enrollment throughout the year (versus cutting off enrollment at a certain month)
- Enrollment is currently open via GoodSchoolsRoc; Recruitment efforts will continue throughout the winter/spring; Offering regular tours of the school
- 8% chronic absenteeism, but absences due to illness have increased over the last month
- Discipline data: 2 out of school suspensions for December
- Parent Teacher Conferences were a success; Teachers went above and beyond to schedule meeting with families
- Winter Exhibitions are scheduled for the Week of February 2nd
- iReady Winter diagnostic window opens January 12th and will be reported at the February Board meeting
- Planning on offering after school prep for NYS exams
- Celebrations: 6th grade organized haircuts for students, Reflections from SUNY Geneseo students

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Boston Trip - Chris Dolgos presented the quotes for the 4th and 5th grade Boston Trip. Families will pay 80%, but deposits for transportation, accommodations, and events will need to be made prior to the final family deposits due date.

Motion 20251217.3

Upon motion of Colin Orr, and duly seconded by Maria Oliver, RESOLVED, that the quotes from the Boston Field Study be approved not exceeding the amount of \$35,000.

Voting in the affirmative: Ben Clarke, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio

Voting in the negative: none

Abstaining: none

Motion 20251217.3 Passed: 4 to 0

MEETING WRAP-UP

Review Actions & Agreements, Confirm Meeting Dates

Action Items/Reminders

- Next meeting date: Wednesday, January 28, 2025 | 5:30 - 7:30pm at GCCS @ RMSC

Adjournment:

Motion 20251217.4

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

Voting in the affirmative: Kendra Cadogan, Maria Oliver, Colin Orr, Betsy Serapilio

Voting in the negative: none

Abstaining: None

Motion 20251217.4 Passed: 4 to 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Zappia-Sinicropi

Secretary of GCCS at RMSC Board of Trustees (pending NYSED approval)