

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors
DRAFT Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM, Monday, September 11, 2023

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Michael Tompkins called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. on June 19, 2023. Michael Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of September 11, 2001. The meeting was held in the High School building.
- B. Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Michael Tompkins, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, Sarah Peacock, and Jenifer Vaughan were in attendance. Richard Schmidt was absent. Also in attendance was Dr. Otho Tucker and Dr. Brad Bowling.
- C. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Approval of the minutes for the August 7th, 2023 Board Meeting was tabled until the October monthly meeting.
- D. Finance Report:** Alyssa Blich, representative of Prestige Solutions gave the July 2023 finance report. A motion was made by Sarah Peacock to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, and carried unanimously.
- E. CEO Report:**
1. Enrollment: Dr. Bowling shared that there are currently approximately 362 prospective students on the waiting list.
 2. Board structure and best practices presentation: Dr. Bonnie Holliday, Chief Strategy Officer for the Georgia Charter Schools Association (GCSA), gave a presentation to the board on best practices for Charter Schools' Boards. Dr. Holliday presentation focused on the following six points.
 - Legal obligations of Charter School Governing Boards
 - Top Priorities of Charter School Governing Boards
 - Effective Board Meetings
 - Barriers to Effective Governance
 - Governing Board Composition
 - The Parental Role
 3. Testing Data Review: Dr. Bowling recognized members of the LOA School Improvement Leadership Team (SILT) and shared a presentation of a breakdown of standardized testing data. Dr. Bowling and the LOA SILT Team outlined successes and areas of focus for improvement gleaned from the breakdown of standardized testing data.
 4. Charter Renewal Update: Dr. Bowling shared a document of 9 requested revisions from the GCSS board to the Charter Renewal Application as presented to him by Dr. Chris

Houston, Superintendent of Greene County Schools. The Board of Governors discussed the requested revisions, and asked clarifying questions and gave feedback.

- F. **Public Comment:** there was no public comment.
- G. **Closed Session:** Michael Tompkins made a motion to move to closed session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Vaughn. Following the executive session, the Board reconvened. Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to exit the executive session. Seconded by Sarah Peacock and the board returned to regular session. No action was taken during or after the executive session.
- H. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Jennifer Vaughn made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.