

# Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 5:30 pm

# I. Call to Order By Board Secretary - 5:40 pm

### II. Public Notice of Meeting/NJ Sunshine Law

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted on in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq. On the rules of this act, Greater Brunswick Charter School has caused notice of this meeting by Publicizing the date, time and place, of the regularly scheduled meeting in the Public Notice Section of the Home News Tribune and Star Ledgers, sent to the clerks of Highland Park, Edison and New Brunswick and posted at the Greater Brunswick Charter School located at 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Formal action will take place at this meeting.

### III. Roll Call

	Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
1.	Lynell Burgos	Board Vice Chair, expires 2024	X	
2.	Shamara Gatling-Davila	Board Trustee, expires 2023	X	
3.	Sean Hewitt	Board Trustee, expires 2022		Х
4.	Susan Jackson	Board Chair, expires 2023	Х	
5.	Jonina Mazzeo	Board Trustee, expires 2023	X	
6.	Miriam Santana	Board Trustee, expires 2024		Х
7.	Danielle Clement	Board Trustee, expires 2024	Х	
8.	Kenneth King	Board Trustee, expires 2022	Х	

#### Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent
Vanessa Jones	Executive Director	X	
Hector Alvarez	Education Director	Χ	
Rosalind Friday	Assistant Education Director	Х	
Michael Falkowski	Acting Board Secretary	Х	
Caitlin Mitchell	Teacher Representative		Х
Latoya Branch	Teacher Representative	Х	
Daisy Amador	Teacher Representative - Alternate		Х

# IV. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **May 12**, **2022** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Danielle Clement		Χ				Kenneth King	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Sean Hewitt					Х	Miriam Santana					Χ

Location: 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave

# V. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the **March 17, 2022** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Danielle Clement	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Kenneth King		Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila				Х		Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Sean Hewitt					Х	Miriam Santana					Х

- VI. Public Comment NONE
- VII. Correspondence
- VIII. Reports
  - 1. Director's Report
  - 2. HIB update
  - 3. Suspension Update

Motion to accept the Director's Report, HIB Report and Suspension Report.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos		Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Danielle Clement		Χ				Kenneth King	1 <sup>st</sup>	Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Sean Hewitt				Х		Miriam Santana					Х

# IX. Adjourn Public Session and Open Closed Session – 6:20pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Danielle Clement		Χ				Kenneth King		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Sean Hewitt				Х		Miriam Santana					Χ

# X. Adjourn Closed and Open Public Session – 7:00 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Danielle Clement		Χ				Kenneth King		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Sean Hewitt				Х		Miriam Santana					Χ

# XI. Motions for Approval

### 1. Finance

- a. To approve the March & April 2022 Board Secretary Report.
- b. To approve the March & April 2022 Reconciliation Report.
- c. To approve line item transfers up to April 30, 2022.
- d. Bills List: Approve Bills List from March 16, 2022 to May 12, 2022.

e. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

March 30, 2022	\$199,256.49
April 08, 2022	\$224,110.84
April 29, 2022	\$217,252.35

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Lynell Burgos	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Х			
Danielle Clement		Χ				Kenneth King		Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Sean Hewitt					Х	Miriam Santana					Х

#### 2. Contracts

a. To approve the Professional Development contract for "Supporting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging" with **Center for Supportive Schools** (CSS) for the 2021/2022 & 2022/2023 school year at a cost of \$30,000, to be covered by the Title I and ESSER Grant.

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Danielle Clement		Χ				Kenneth King	1 <sup>st</sup>	Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Sean Hewitt					Х	Miriam Santana					Х

### 3. Buildings & Grounds

a. To approve the Lawn Maintenance Agreement with **Yager Lawn Maintenance LLC** for the 2022/2023.

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Lynell Burgos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Danielle Clement		Χ				Kenneth King		Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Sean Hewitt					Х	Miriam Santana					Х

#### 4. Personnel

- a. To approve the rehire of **GBCS staff** as attached for the 2022-2023 school year.
- b. To accept the retirement of **Ana A. Cuevas** effective June 30, 2022.
- c. To accept the following resignations:
  - Ivonne Gallego effective May 31, 2022
  - Gloria Gonzalez effective April 8, 2022
  - Carlos Gonzalez effective April 8, 2022
- d. To approve **Michelle Ribadeneira** from a 3-day a week employee to 5-days a week starting May 9, 2022 at Step 11MA salary of \$62,023.
- e. To approve the following kitchen staff hires:
  - Florinda Jimenez \$15/hr Start April 1, 2022
  - Faviola Sanchez \$15/hr Start April 1, 2022
- f. To approve **Veronica Viramontes** for an After School Academy math tutor at the rate of \$27 per hour.

g. To approve the following new hires for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Position	Level	Months	Start Date	Salary
Alize Maria Duncan	School Social Worker	12MA	10	9/1/2022	\$64,373
Lirizell Johnson	Teacher-	15MA	10	9/1/2022	\$70,073 + 3-
	Bilingual/Spanish/SPED/Success				Year Longevity
					of \$1,250
Lirizell Johnson	Summer Academy Coordinator	N/A	N/A	7/1/2022	\$5,900

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Danielle Clement		Χ				Kenneth King		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Sean Hewitt					Х	Miriam Santana					Х

# 5. Curriculum/Special Education

- a. To approve the following field trips with details attached:
  - Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ 5-20-2022
  - Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange, NJ 6-16-2022

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Shamara Gatling-Davila	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Sean Hewitt					Х	Miriam Santana					Х

### 6. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the **HIB report** for February & March 2022, with zero (0) founded cases.
- b. To approve the 2022/2023 school year calendar.
- c. To approve the revised LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, Section 2001(i).

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				Susan Jackson		only					
Danielle Clement		A & B		C only		Kenneth King		<			
		Only						^			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Sean Hewitt					Х	Miriam Santana					Х

# XII. Enrollment Report

	FY22	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Wait
Grade	ENR	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	List
		2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021/2022
K	44	44	44	44	44	44	43	43	44	44	44		31
1	44	44	45	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46		30
2	44	46	45	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46		37
3	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44		43
4	44	43	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	43	44		24
5	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	45	45	45	45		37
6	44	44	42	42	41	41	42	43	43	43	43		3
7	44	41	41	41	44	43	41	41	41	41	41		10
8	42	42	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44		11

Total 394 392 396 398 400 399 397 399 400 399	400 226
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# XIII. Committee Reports

- 1. SRC in Director's Report
- 2. Community Outreach Did not meet
- 3. Development Did not meet
- 4. Finance and Facilities update on Architect meeting regarding projects
- 5. Governance board self-evaluation needs to be completed, annual training

### XIV. New Business

**Board events** – 8<sup>th</sup> grade dinner, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation

- XV. Adjourn Public Session and Open Closed Session NONE
- XVI. Adjourn Closed and Open Public Session
- **XVII.** Closing Comments

Thanks to everyone for an amazing year, thanks to teachers (teachers appreciation week) and administrators, black history event, comments on successful retreat, thanks to Board member for their support & thanks to Board for supporting administrative team

### XVIII. Action Items - Next Board Meetings:

Day	Date	Time	Notes
Thursday	June 16, 2022	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Thursday	July 14, 2022	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting/Re-Org Meeting

# XIX. Adjournment – 7:26 pm

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