

# Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 9, 2019 – 5:30 pm

### I. Call to Order By Board Secretary – 5:38 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.	Claudia Avarado	Board Trustee, expires 2019		X
2.	Lynell Burgos	Board Trustee, expires 2021	Х	
3.	Shamara Gatling-Davila	Board Vice Chair, expires 2020	Х	
4.	Evan Gentry	Board Trustee, expires 2019	Х	
5.	Indira Grullon	Board Trustee, expires 2021		Х
6.	Sean Hewitt	Board Trustee, expires 2019	Х	
7.	Susan Jackson	Board Chair, expires 2021	Х	Х
8.	Mariu Reynoso	Board Trustee, expires 2019	Х	
9.	Anju Thomas	Board Trustee, expires 2020	X, left 7:20p	

#### **Also Present**

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent
Vanessa Jones	Education Director	X	
Hector Alvarez	Assistant Education Director	X	
Michael Falkowski	SBA / Board Secretary	X	
Daniela Garay	Teacher Representative	Х	
Chad Schubert	Teacher Representative		Х

# IV. Pledge of Allegiance

# V. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **May 9**, **2019** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado					Х	Sean Hewitt		Χ			
Lynell Burgos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Mariu Reynoso		Х			
Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ			
Indira Grullon					Х						

Location: 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave

# VI. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **March 21**, **2019**.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado					Х	Sean Hewitt				Х	
Lynell Burgos		Χ				Susan Jackson		Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Mariu Reynoso				Χ	
Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas				Х	
Indira Grullon					Χ						

- VII. Public Comment NONE
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Reports
  - 1. Director's Report
  - 2. HIB Report April 2019 & May 2019
  - 3. Suspension Report April 2019 & May 2019
  - 4. Bus Evacuation

Motion to accept Director's Report, HIB Reports, Suspension Reports and Bus Evacuation Report:

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Claudia Avarado					Χ	Sean Hewitt		Χ			
Lynell Burgos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Mariu Reynoso		Χ			
Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ			
Indira Grullon					Х						

# X. Closed Session – 6:55 pm

The Board adjourns to closed session to discuss personnel matters and HIB cases.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado					Х	Sean Hewitt		Χ			
Lynell Burgos		Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Mariu Reynoso		Χ			
Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ			
Indira Grullon					Х						

# XI. Adjourn Closed and Open Public Session – 7:55 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado					Х	Sean Hewitt		Χ			
Lynell Burgos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Mariu Reynoso		Х			
Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas					Х
Indira Grullon					Х						

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### XII. Motions for Approval

#### 1. Finance

- a. To approve the March 2019 Board Secretary Report.
- b. To approve the March 2019 Reconciliation Report.
- c. <u>Bills List</u>: Approve Bills List from March 22, 2019 to May 9, 2019.
- d. To approve the School Business Administrator to solicit bids for the GBCS Drainage Project with a bid opening on or about May 31,2019.
- e. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

March 29, 2019	\$174,997.86
April 15, 2019	\$182,150.55
April 18, 2019	\$183,431.29

f. To approve the contract with the NJ Charter Schools Association to provide strategic planning services at a cost of \$7,000.

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Lynell Burgos		Χ				Susan Jackson		Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Mariu Reynoso	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Х			
Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas					Χ
Indira Grullon					Х						

### 2. Buildings & Grounds

a. To approve the following use of facilities:

Who	When	Rooms	Event	Charge
Girl Scouts	5-10-2019	Gym and Teacher's Lounge	Spa Day for Moms	
Art/PTO	4-16-2019	Gym/Hallways/Media Center	Art Show/PTO Fundraiser	
MCFOODS	6-10-2019	Media Center	Monthly Meeting of Food Pantrie	

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Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Mariu Reynoso		Х			
Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas					Х
Indira Grullon					Х						

### 3. Personnel

- a. To approve the rehire of GBCS staff as attached for the 2019-2020 school year.
- b. To accept the retirement of **Dianna E. Hess Schmitt** effective June 30, 2019.
- c. To approve **Amie Fitzgerald** as Director Summer Academy Director at a stipend of \$6,137.80.
- d. To approve the following Professional Development:

Who	When	Where	Topics	Cost + Allowed Travel
Victor Calderon	4-5-2019	Somerset County Vo-Tech	Integrated Pest Management	\$0
Victor Calderon	4-26-2019	Somerset County Vo-Tech	Indoor Air Quality	\$0
Jason Herzog Kristine Johnson	6-4-2019	Piscataway, NJ	Challenging Racial Disparities	\$89
Daniela Garay	4-1-2019	Branchburg, NJ	The Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Studies Seminar	\$15

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Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Mariu Reynoso		Х			
Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas					Х
Indira Grullon					Х						

# 4. Curriculum/Special Education

a. To approve the following field trips:

Who	When	Where	Cost
Grades 4-5, & 7, 132 students, 10	4-16-2019	AMC New Brunswick	\$0
Chaperones			

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Lynell Burgos		Χ				Susan Jackson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Mariu Reynoso		Χ			
Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas					Х
Indira Grullon					Х	_					

### 5. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the December 2018 and January 2019 HIB reports.
- b. To accept the February 2019 and March 2019 HIB Report.
- c. To approve the 2019-2020 school calendar.

Note: Amended to include MS back to school night on September 4, 2019

- d. To approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the following policies:
  - 2422 Health and Physical Education Policy (M)
  - 2610 Education Program Evaluation Policy (M)
  - 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students Policy & Regulation (M)
  - 5756 Transgender Students Policy (M)
  - 7440 School District Security Policy & Regulation (M)
  - 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs Policy (M)
  - 2415.06 Unsafe School Choice Option Policy (M)
  - 2460.8 Special Education Free and Appropriate Public Education Regulation (M)
  - 5530 Substance Abuse Regulation (M)
  - 5600 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct Policy (M)
  - 5611 Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses Policy & Regulation (M)
  - 5612 Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees Policy & Regulation (M)

- 5613 Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses Policy & Regulation (M)
- 8461 Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Offenses – Policy & Regulation (M)

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#### XIII. **Enrollment Report**

	FY19	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
		2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018/2019
K	44	45	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44		102
1	44	43	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	45		49
2	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44		42
3	44	43	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44		36
4	44	42	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44		42
5	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44		35
6	44	42	47	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46		20
7	44	42	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43		18
8	42	40	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42		15
Total	394	385	397	396	396	396	396	396	396	395	396		359

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Totals include 4 Out of District Students, 1 in 3rd, 1 in 6th and 2 in 8th Grade.

#### XIV. **Committee Reports**

- 1. SRC discussed during Director's Report
- 2. Community Outreach Mr. Alvarez presented the report.
- 3. Development did not meet, but they are discussing Grants to apply for
- 4. Finance and Facilities discussed drainage project, budget priorities and budget presentation at a staff meeting
- 5. Governance met with Rick Pressler regarding the Strategic Plan, discussed policies, field trips and fund raising

#### XV. **New Business - NONE**

#### XVI. **Closing Comments**

Many thanks for food, thanks for Teacher Appreciation, attendance very good this week, request for volunteers for graduation and 8th grade dinner

#### XVII. **Action Items**

Next Board Meeting: June 20, 2019

### XVIII. Adjournment – 8:22 pm

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Lynell Burgos		Χ				Susan Jackson		Х			
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