

Girls Athletic Leadership School (GALS) Denver June 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. MDT Virtual via Google Meets

I. Call to Order

Chair Burness called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Margaret-Ann Burness, Shannon Saviers, Pam

Horiszny, Angie McPhaul, Michelle Hurt, Kerry Lander,

Rebecca Leatherman, Stephanie Sundberg, Sara Taylor, Vivian Morales, Emily Ragan, Jennifer Evans

Board Members Absent: Allison Romagnoli

III. Public Comment

Chair Burness opened the floor for public comment providing three minutes per comment. There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of May 27 Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as amended.

V. Finance Committee Report

Treasurer Horiszny provided a fundraiser review and fundraiser forecasting for the upcoming year, which included proposed annual events.

VI. Executive Director Report

ED Tolnay did not attend the board meeting due to planned PTO. Chair Burness provided an update on ED Tolmey's first year accomplishments as outlined on slide deck.



VII. PTA Update

Chair Burness mentioned that the PTA continues working on the organization's bylaws and the outreach events planned for August.

VIII. Executive Session

Pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e) for determining positions and development strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators.

The Board entered executive session at 6:35 p.m.

The executive session ended at 7:49 p.m.

IX. Governance Committee Report

A. Resignation

Emily Ragan stepped down from the board and her position as High School Parent Representative. The Board thanked Director Ragan for her year of service.

B. Re-Appointments

Michelle Hurt was unanimously re-appointed to a 3-year tenure as a director.

Jennifer Evans was unanimously re-appointed to a 1-year tenure as Emeritus director.

C. Appointments

Vivian Morales was unanimously appointed to a 3-year tenure as director, leaving open the 1-year tenure for a Middle School Parent Representative.

D. Proposed Slate of Officers

The proposed slate of officers was unanimously approved to serve for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

Chair Shannon Saviers

Vice Chair Rebecca Leatherman

Treasurer Pam Horiszny Secretary Vivian Morales

Immediate Past Chair Margaret-Ann Burness



X. Executive Session

Pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f), for discussion of a personnel matter involving the evaluation of our Executive Director, who was previously informed of the meeting.

The Board entered executive session at 8:08 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:27 p.m.

XI. Adjourn

Chair Saviers adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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Board Members	 Shannon Saviors (Board Chair), Rebecca Leatherman (Vice Chair), Pam Horiszny (Treasurer), Vivian Morales (Secretary), Margaret-Ann Burness (Preceding Board Chair), Michelle Hurt, Kerry Lander, Allison Romagnoli, Stephanie Sundberg, Sara Taylor. Emeritus - Jennifer Evans Open: MS Parent Rep For more details: visit: https://galsdenver.org/about/board-of-directors/