



Girls Athletic Leadership School Denver

August Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 7, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. MDT

Virtual via Google Meets

I. Call to Order

Chair Saviers called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Shannon Saviers, Rebecca Leatherman, Pam Horiszny, Vivian Morales, Kerry Lander, Angie McPhaul, Allison Romagnoli

Board Members Absent: Margaret-Ann Burness, Michelle Hurt, Sara Taylor, Stephanie Sundberg, Jennifer Evans

Staff Present: Timeri Tolnay (Executive Director)

Others Present: Joanna Jasmin (GALS Accountant)

III. Public Comment

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

IV. Approval of June, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Vice Chair Leatherman
- Motion to second: Director McPhaul
- Vote: Approved unanimously

Motion adopted.

V. Finance

Treasurer Horiszny presented the June 30, 2025 Board Financial Dashboard. The dashboard shows the end of the year at a \$220K deficit, which is \$80 less than approved in the revised 24/25 budget. As part of the process of determining the

allocation of the unspent HS Capital Construction Fund, one option is to use the funds towards the building transition from joint Middle School/High School to Middle School only. The allocation must be resolved prior to the close of the 2024-2025 financial books. Executive Director Tolnay is compiling a list of necessary projects to complete the building transition.

Executive Director Tolnay indicated that the Denver Public Schools audit of GALS Denver started on August 1, 2025.

VI. Summer Updates

Executive Director Tolnay presented the following Summer Updates:

- Success with new carpool app for families
- New building space plans (locker room, rearranged school by grades, library, school store, dress code/in school suspension room)
- Electronic sign on 8th avenue plan is at the district for final approval
- Front entrance landscaping improvements
- Public relations: Chalkbeat Colorado story on Middle School, enrollment marketing campaigns, Google Ads conversion.
- Current enrollment at 247
- Fundraising and annual event planning

VII. ED Goals FY26

Executive Director Tolnay reported on sharing the ED Goal areas for fiscal year 2026 with leadership. The areas are:

- Enrollment & Financial Sustainability
- Academic Progress & Instructional Excellence
- Staff Culture & Leadership Development
- Revenue Diversification
- Stakeholder and Board Partnership

Chair Saviers asked Executive Director Tolnay to report, when data is available, on the correlation between iReady and Denver Public School's School Performance Framework (SPF) after the Board discussed the use of iReady as more current data than SPF yet the latter being the official district metric.

VIII. Partnerships

A. Partner Teacher Organization (PTO)

Executive Director Tolnay summarized the three events for families the PTO held over the summer, one of which included 5th grade families starting their Middle School research. The PTO would like to repeat all events next summer and sell GALS gear.

The Board of Directors is invited to join the PTO on Tuesday, August 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the GALS library for text/call/email fundraising in support of the Final Mile Fall ExtravaGALSa.

Secretary Morales added that the PTO approved the organization's bylaws. Director McPhaul noted that the PTO will serve as the School Accountability Committee.

IX. Governance

A. Sign Annual Board Agreement

Secretary Morales directed the Board to the location in the Board documents of the Conflict of Interest and the Board Agreement forms and asked the Board members to sign and return both forms.

B. Update on new Parent Rep to the Board

Secretary Morales reported that an incoming 6th grade parent reached out to her after a brief introduction at a PTO meeting showing interest in the parent representative position. Secretary Morales connected the parent to Governance Chair Hurt who sent the parent the Board application form.

C. Resignation

Chair Saviers communicated that Sara Taylor stepped down from the board due to other commitments. The Board thanked former Director Taylor for her service. The board noted that her expertise in charter schools and human resources will leave a gap in the Board's skillset.

X. New Business

Treasurer Horiszny asked Board members about the best time frames for meetings given family and work commitments. Chair Saviers will send a survey to solidify preferences.

XI. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Treasurer Horiszny
- Second to adjourn: Director McPhaul
- Vote: Approved unanimously.

Motion adopted.

Chair Saviers adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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