



Girls Athletic Leadership School Denver
November Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 13, 2025
6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. MDT
In-Person at GALS Denver, 750 Galapago St., Denver

I. Call to Order

Chair Saviers called the meeting to order a 6:49 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Shannon Saviers, Rebecca Leatherman, Pam Horiszny, Vivian Morales, Margaret-Ann Burness, Shellie Chambers, Kerry Lander, Allison Romagnoli

Board Members Absent: Rebecca Leatherman, Jennifer Evans, Michelle Hurt, Angie McPhaul

Staff Present: Timeri Tolnay (Executive Director)

Others Present: Molly Fischer, prospective board member, Michael McManus, potential board member

III. Public Comment

The board opened the floor for public comment providing three minutes per comment. There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of October 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve:: Preceding Past Chair Burness
- Motion to second: Allison Romagnoli
- Vote: Unanimous

Motion adopted.

V. Committee Reports

A. Finance and Audit Committee



Executive Director Tolnay explained that the final count of students on count day was 238. The budget had been planned with a count of 250 since that was the projection and on the first day of school there were 253 students enrolled. She also noted that the special education (SPED) cost from the District was significantly higher than expected. Executive Director Tolnay plans on reducing costs on administration to balance the budget. She will invite the District's SPED financial partner to a board meeting soon to explain the change in cost so that GALS can plan ahead better next year.

B. Governance Committee

Chair Saviers announced that Michelle Hurt stepped down from the chair of the Governance Committee and from the GALS board due to unforeseen personal circumstances. The Board wishes Michelle well on her next endeavors.

Chair Saviers noted that Allison Romagnoli accepted the chair position for the Governance Committee.

Committee Chair Romagnoli updated the board on Jill Davidson stepping down from the board as a parent representative due to her daughter unenrolling from GALS.

Committee Chair Romagnoli introduced a motion to remove Stephanie Sundberg from GALS Board of Directors effective November 13, 2025 due to lack of participation, communication, and response to communication.

- Motion to approve: Chair Saviers
- Motion to second: Preceding Chair Burness
- Vote: Unanimous

Motion adopted.

Committee Chair Romagnoli introduced a resolution to ratify the prior approval of the GALS Board of Director ByLaws from August 26, 2024. This resolution would require the signatures of the Chair and the Secretary.

Motion to approve: Shellie Chambers

- Motion to second: Preceding Chair Burness
- Vote: Unanimous

Motion adopted.

VI. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Tolnay updated the board on the various ongoing activities at the school, including departmental professional development and positive press. She announced that GALS Inc. filed for chapter 7 bankruptcy. GALS Denver attorneys are working with Executive Tolnay for any next steps that might need to happen on our behalf. She finally gave an update on her annual performance goals.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Saviers adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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Board Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Emeritus - Jennifer Evans Shellie Chambers - MS Parent Rep For more details: visit: https://galsdenver.org/about/board-of-directors/