



Girls Athletic Leadership School Denver

February, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. MDT

Virtual via Google Meet

I. Call to Order

Chair Saviers called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Shannon Saviers, Pam Horiszny, Vivian Morales, Margaret-Ann Burness, Shellie Chambers, Kerry Lander, Angie McPhaul, Allison Romagnoli, Hillary Bisknar, Michael McManus

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Evans, Emeritus

Staff Present: Timeri Tolnay (Executive Director)

Others Present: Joanna Jasmin, Financial Consultant

III. Public Comment

The board opened the floor for public comment providing three minutes per comment. No public comment was presented.

IV. Icebreaker

- Board members shared photos, stories, and live virtual visits from their pets.

V. Approval of January Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Vice Chair Morales
- Motion to second: Michael McManus
- Vote: Unanimous

Motion adopted.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Governance Committee

Committee Chair Romagnoli introduced a potential board member for the board's consideration.

- Motion to approve Jessica Churchill as an elected director: Committee Chair Romagnoli
- Motion to second: Chair Saviers
- Vote: Unanimous

Motion adopted.

B. Finance and Audit Committee

Executive Director Tolnay shared a budget update. DPS has pulled back \$77K from revenue. This is due to decreased PPR and MLO monies. Joanna Jasmin, GALS Financial consultant explained that these were adjustments made by DPS based on October count and adjustments from the state. This is a DPS specific decrease.

As a result of this decrease, the board discussed different potential staffing models, based on enrollment for next year.

There was discussion of keeping contingency in the budget moving forward and a goal of working on replenishing reserves. Treasurer Horiszny noted that replenishing reserves will be challenging.

There was discussion about fundraising and aligning with the PTO to increase fundraising. The suggestion was made for board members to attend the next PTO meeting to discuss this idea.

Executive Director Tolnay shared Fundraising progress.

Executive Director Tolnay shared an annual celebration update.

VII. Brainstorm April 17 Retreat Plan

- A. Board members used Miro Board to brainstorm priorities for the April 17 Strategy meeting. Executive Director Tolnay and Chair Saviers will use this brainstorming information to plan the agenda for the retreat day.
- Board members will review the strategic plan prior to the April 17 strategy session.

VIII. ED Report/School Updates

Executive Director Tolnay updated the board on various items:

- 9 News ran a story on GALS celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports day
- The Denver Health project is going well and families love it.
- The Robotics Club competed in a local Robotics competition. Students also attend DenBot.
- Using the enrollment trends of current GALS 6th graders, Andrea Hernandez is inviting each school's counselor to an info session in March. There was discussion about adding additional schools to the list.
- Annual Goal Summary update:
 - 6/16 goals are met.
 - 9/16 goals are in progress.
 - 1/16 goals is challenging - maintaining 80% of returning donors.
- 20 tickets have been purchased to the Denver Summit game on September 19.

IX. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Treasurer Horiszny
- Second to adjourn: Past Chair Burness
- Vote: Unanimous

Motion adopted.

Chair Saviers adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



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Board Priorities FY25-26	
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