



Girls Athletic Leadership School Denver

March 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2026

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. MDT

GALS Library

I. Call to Order

Chair Saviers called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Shannon Saviers, Pam Horiszny, Vivian Morales, Margaret-Ann Burness, Shellie Chambers, Kerry Lander, Angie McPhaul, Michael McManus, Jessica Churchill, Hillary Bisknar, Jennifer Evans - Emeritus

Board Members Absent: Allison Romagnoli

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. Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes

Add Emeritus to Jennifer Evans

- Motion to approve [AS AMENDED]: Vice Chair Morales
- Motion to second [AS AMENDED]: Margaret-Ann Burness
- Vote: Unanimous

Motion adopted.

V. Committee Reports

A. Finance and Audit Committee

Executive Director Tolnay and Treasurer Horiszny shared a review of the financial dashboard. We are getting reliable financial statements which is helpful.

Budgeting for next year includes a goal of building in an average of 3-5% of revenue which will address contingencies and help replenish reserves. There was discussion about the financial considerations facing GALS.

B. Governance Committee

Executive Director Tolnay welcomed Jessica Churchill, our newest board member.

Board members are asked to complete the Board Effectiveness Survey by March 31.

New Board prospect, Mary Clark, will tour GALS on April 8.

VI. ED Report/School Updates

Executive Director Tolnay updated the Board on the following matters:

GALS Pledge

- The leadership team and staff have discussed potential changes.
- The board reviewed and discussed those changes.
- Director Tolnay will circle back to staff and leadership for a final decision.

Fundraising

- GALS has raised a total of \$274,000 for the year.
- The annual celebration raised \$43,338. Hosting the event at GALS saved money. Board members discussed the event: shared feedback and discussed ways to increase giving and attendance.



Proposed Retreat Agenda for April 17, 2026
 Parent Teacher Conference Data

Alumni Scholarship Brunch on April 18, 2026

Enrollment Updates

- Macroeconomic realities facing GALS
- Declining enrollment statewide

Annual Goals updates

VII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Michael McManus
- Second to adjourn: Margaret-Ann Burness
- Vote: Unanimous

Motion adopted.

Chair Saviers adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Board Meetings	AUG: 8/7/25, SEP: 9/11/25, OCT: 10/7/25 - 8:30-10:30am, NOV: 11/13/25, DEC: 12/9/25, JAN: 1/22/26, FEB: 2/10/26, MAR: 3/12/26, APR: 4/17/26 - 8:30a-4p, MAY: 5/14/26, JUN: 6/11/26 Official schedule can be found here .
Board Standards	1-Focus Relentlessly on Student Achievement, 2-Ensure Exceptional School Leadership, 3-Commit to Exemplary Governance, 4-Act Strategically, 5-Raise and Use Resources Wisely, 6-Maintain Legal and Regulatory Compliance, 7-Advocate for High Quality Schools Center in: People, Culture, Equity
Board Priorities FY25-26	
Board Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shannon Saviers (Board Chair), Vivian Morales (Interim Vice Chair), Pam Horiszny (Treasurer), Shellie Chambers (Interim Secretary), Margaret-Ann Burness (Preceding Board Chair), Kerry Lander, Allison Romagnoli, Angie McPhaul, Michael McManus, Hillary Biskner, Jessica Churchill ● Emeritus - Jennifer Evans ● For more details: visit: https://galsdenver.org/about/board-of-directors/