

# Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in-person and via teleconference on February 8, 2023, beginning at 12:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Mrs. Doris Adams	Mr. Michael Moss
Mr. Stewart Cooner	Mr. Reggie Thomas
Mr. Dan Dobson	Mr. Greg Vaughn
Mrs. Cheryl Fralick	Mrs. Deborah Blalock
Mrs. Kimberly Suber	

Board members present via teleconference:

Mr. Robert Collar

Board members excused:

Mrs. Marilyn Edwards Taylor

Staff Members present:

Mr. Pat Smith	Mr. Michael Evans
Mrs. Sonya White	Ms. Joyce Dacula
Mr. Scott Poovey	Mr. Scott Gaines
Mr. Charles Abbott	Ms. Theresa Trowell
Ms. Diane McNinch	Ms. Lettice Glenn
Ms. Libby Key	Ms. Cynara Wattley
Ms. Brenda Arant	

Guest in Attendance:

Ms. Linda Edwards  
Mr. Chris Johnson

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The meeting was called to order at 12:43 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mrs. Blalock made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2022 and Mrs. Blalock seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

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### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- ☐ Our Legislative Luncheon was an overwhelming success with great turnout with approximately 80-90 members in attendance. Rep. Robert Williams visited campus the next day as one of our cadets Mikaijha McCall's mother is his niece. Coincidentally Mikaijha passed her GED January 30.
- ☐ Exhibited at the Lexington County Night with the Legislature.
- ☐ Ways and Means subcommittee presentation on January 17.
- ☐ Mrs. White, Ms. Wattely and I met with Reps. Brandon Cox and Matt Leber on February 1 to present Wil Lou Gray to them. Rep. Leber came by our booth at the Lexington County night with the legislature. Rep. Cox came to our Legislative Luncheon and wanted to know more about our program. Both were most impressed and promised to offer their support in any way.
- ☐ Mrs. Sonya White and I appeared on WSPA "Your Carolina Morning Show" appearance December 12.
- ☐ Mrs. Diane McNinch appeared on WIS "Soda City Live" with cadet Owen Bradwell on December 28.
- ☐ Exhibited at the Palmetto State School Counseling Center Staff 2/7/2023.
- ☐ 10,000 piece mass mailer out in early January.
- ☐ Senate finance subcommittee presentation is tomorrow (February 9) at 10 am in Room 207 Gressette.
- ☐ Food Share SC Community Service.
- ☐ Cayce-West Columbia Rotary Club Adopt-A-Highway Saturday February 11.
- ☐ Board Election in progress.
- ☐ James Harris former cadre staff recently named NJROTC Dreher High School's News 19 Teacher of the Week.
- ☐ 41 GEDs this session, 75 total for the year.
- ☐ Reminder statement of economic interest forms are due by noon March 30 (there is a tutorial on the State Ethics Commissions' website).

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Moss made a motion to approve the personnel actions and Mr. Dobson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### POLICY COMMITTEE

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No Report

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Fralick referred discussion on the Budget Report to Mrs. Libby Key. Mrs. Key gave an YTD Financial update on quarterly expenditures, noting we are track with spending. Mr. Dobson made a motion to approve the budget report. Mrs. Blalock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gaines updated the board on three new initiatives in academics:

1. He displayed photos of new hair braiding class and sample license for students completing the course. Currently we have 13 students who have received their license.
2. He discussed the new laser cutter equipment and how cadets are using this technology for class projects.
3. Photos were displayed of the new environmental program combined with the horticulture projects and the food share SC serve as community service project.

Mr. Michael Evans, Residential Director, introduced Ms. Joyce Dacula, Activities Specialist, who shared with the Board some of the Creative Arts and Crafts activities she coordinates for the cadets. She passed around to the Board a piece of the art completed by one of our cadets. Another craft item she shared was an insulated metal cup with our logo that was made by cadets. She explained we have the capability to mold the metal and finish the design of the cadet's choice.

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Charlie Abbott reported on the status of three projects:

1. Cafeteria portico project is complete with the exception of building signage.
2. Overhead power line project continues to be delayed due to transformers are unavailable at this time.
3. B dorm bathroom project is in the hands of the architect to establish project budget.
4. Built-in freezer/cooler replacement has been approved and is in the hands of project architect.

### **EXCUTIVE COMMITTEE**

No Report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dobson made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Mr. Greg Vaughn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Following the executive session, no action was taken and the board adjourned.