

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2026
6:30PM

Meeting Heald at Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

Board Member Present

Rose Thornberry - Board Chair
Traci Elligson - Board Vice Chair
Greg Colosimo - Board Member
Jeff Sours - Board Secretary
James Gentile - Board Member

Others Present

Dr. Tammy Hogan - CEO / Principal
Dr. Jim Hogue - Vice Principal
Nicole Wilt - staff
Katie Sauter - staff
Any Conner - staff
Chelsy Rodgers - staff
Rebeca Black - staff
Leigh Gugliette - staff
Margret Rudolph - parent

Call meeting to order

Board Chair Rose Thornberry called that meeting to order at 6:32pm and read the GMCS's public comment policy.

Introduction of Member and Guests

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Old Business

None

Chair's Report-Rose Thornberry

Board Officer Positions

Board Chair:

Traci Elligson nominated Rose Thornberry for Board Chair
Traci Elligson made motion for Rose Thornberry to be Board Chair
Greg Colosimo seconded the motion
Traci Elligson - in favor

Jeff Sours - in favor
James Gentile - in favor
Greg Colosimo - in favor
Rose Thornberry accepted position as board chair

Vice Chair

Rose Thornberry nominated Traci Elligson for Board Vice Chair
Rose Thornberry made motion for Traci Elligson to be Vice Chair
Greg Colosimo seconded the motion
Rose Thornberry - in favor
Jeff Sours - in favor
James Gentile - in favor
Greg Colosimo - in favor
Traci Elligson accepted position as Vice Chair of Board

Treasurer

Traci Elligson nominated Jeff Sours for Board Treasurer
Rose Thornberry made motion for Jeff Sours to be Treasurer
Greg Colosimo seconded the motion
Rose Thornberry - in favor
Traci Elligson- in favor
James Gentile - in favor
Greg Colosimo - in favor
Jeff Sours accepted position as Board Treasurer

Secretary

Rose Thornberry nominated James Gentile as Board Secretary
Rose Thornberry made motion for James Gentile to be Board Secretary
Motion Seconded by Traci Elligson
Jeff Sours - in favor
Traci Elligson - in favor
Greg Colosimo - in favor
Rose Thornberry - in favor
James Gentile accepted position as Board Secretary

Board Meetings

Board meetings will be held at 6:30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month, unless a holiday interferes.
-November's Board Meeting will be on November 18th due to Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday
-December's Board Meeting will be on December 17th due to Christmas Eve on the fourth Thursday

Finance Committee

Jeff Sours, Greg Colosimo, Traci Elligson, and Rose Thornberry

Finance Committee Meetings - Wednesday prior to board meeting - 6:30pm

Audit Committee

Rose Thornberry and Greg Colosimo

Audit Committee Meetings - as needed

Governance Committee

Traci Elligson, Rose Thornberry, Greg Colosimo

Governance Committee Meetings - as needed

Personnel Committee

Rose Thornberry, Traci Elligson, Jeff Sours

Personnel Committee Meetings - as needed

CEO Consultant

Motion for CEO consultant by Traci Elligson

Second - Greg Colosimo

Rose Thornberry - in favor

Jeff Sours - in favor

James Gentile - in favor

Traci Elligson - in favor

Greg Colosimo - in favor

Administrator's Report

Enrollment

K - 37

1st - 52

2nd - 43

3rd - 47

4th - 32

5th - 36

6th - 22

Total enrollment - 269

Wellness Policy

Motion for wellness policy by Traci Elligson

Second - Greg Colosimo

Rose Thornberry - in favor
Jeff Sours - in favor
James Gentile - in favor
Traci Elligson - in favor
Greg Colosimo - in favor

Student AI Policy

Motion for Student AI policy by James Gentile

Second - Traci Elligson

Rose Thornberry - in favor
Jeff Sours - in favor
Greg Colosimo - in favor
Traci Elligson - in favor
James Gentile - in favor

Staff AI Policy

Motion for Staff AI policy by James Gentile

Second - Jeff Sours

Discussion

- Policy needs discipline procedure if staff violate it.
 - Request for contract signed by staff agreeing to comply with the policy, and the need to discuss this with legal.
 - Policy needs a requirement of disclosure when AI is used.
 - Policy needs a list of approved AI platforms allowed for use.
 - Policy needs explanation of how staff use will be audited.
- CEO confirms she will make an addendum to policy.

Rose Thornberry - Opposed
Traci Elligson - Opposed
James Gentile - in favor
Jeff Sours -in favor
Greg Colosimo - in favor

Summer camp - adventures around the world - was held the first week of August

Personnel Report

Motion for Personnel Report - Greg Colosimo

Second - Traci Elligson

Rose Thornberry - in favor
Jeff Sours -in favor
James Gentile - in favor
Greg Colosimo - in favor

Traci Elligson - in favor

Exit survey results

The majority of surveys were very favorable. Reasons for students leaving is due to lack of classes after 6th grade and scheduling with the home district. 8 of 9 surveys stated they were very satisfied with GMCS.

Consent Agenda

Motion for Consent Agenda - Traci Elligson

Second - James Gentile

Rose Thornberry - in favor

Jeff Sours -in favor

Greg Colosimo - in favor

Traci Elligson - in favor

James Gentile - favor

Finance Committee-Rose Thornberry

Last year the budget started with a \$4,000 surplus and ended with a \$627,900 deficit, mainly due to project expenses. The audit is currently under way.

New Business; For the good of the order

None

Public Comment

Nicole Wilt - Comments on website, waivers for volunteers, board meeting dates and location, and volunteer packets.

Adjourn

meeting adjourned by Rose Thornberry at 7:16pm