



Board Members Present

Jill Robinson Kramer (Acting Chair)

Virginia Calvin

Janet Rummel

Mary Ann Ruegger

Leslie Dillon

Michelle Gough

Board Members Absent

Gretchen Gutman

Staff

James Betley

Bridgett Abston

Ryan Preston

Nicole Hornyak

Sherie Scott

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL MEETING AND AGENDA
March 24, 2021 at 12 p.m. EST**

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I. Call to Order/ Board Meeting Minutes Approval

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (12/10/2020)
 - i. Acting Chair, Jill Robinson Kramer, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. EDT.
 - ii. Board Member, Virginia Calvin motioned to accept the December 10 board minutes. Board Member, Janet Rummel, seconded the motion which passed unanimously by voice vote.

II. GEO Academies – Location Change Request

- a. Presentation of staff recommendation
 - i. Executive Director, James Betley, described the background of the location change request submitted by GEO Academies, Inc. Mr. Betley explained the rationale for the staff recommendation and provided an overview of the organizer’s financial state, the need and demand analysis performed on the location, and the history of the site.
- b. Presentation of request by organizer
 - i. GEO Academies, Inc. Board Chair, Tanya McKenzie, addressed the board and provided additional information on the request and the continued partnership between Black Expo and GEO Academies.
 - ii. Dana and Kevin Teasley, GEO Academies Founders, spoke to the board about the vision of the school at the newly proposed location. They described the school’s opportunity to positively impact the community where it is located.
- c. Question and answer period
 - i. Board Member, MaryAnn Ruegger inquired about current enrollment, support of the school and financial relationship between the two GEO entities for services provided. Acting Chair Kramer questioned how staff felt about the move.
 - ii. Mr. and Mrs. Teasley answered Member Ruegger and Acting Chair Kramer’s questions and clarified the role and terms of the agreements.
- d. Board decision
 - i. Member Calvin motioned to approve the staff recommendation to grant the request of GEO Academies, Inc. to amend its charter to change the physical location of GEO Next Generation High School to 4010 N. Sherman Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226, opening at that location beginning with the 2021-22 school year.
 - ii. Member Rummel seconded, and the motion passed with Members Calvin, Dillon, Gough, Rummel and Acting Chair Kramer voting aye. Member Ruegger abstained.

III. Other Board Business

- a. Mr. Betley provided the board with an update of the resignations of two members. He explained the next step is to hear a response from the Governor’s office for new appointments.

IV. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- a. Acting Chair Kramer thanked staff and opened the floor for a motion to adjourn. Member Calvin motioned to adjourn the meeting, Member Dillon seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. The meeting ended at 12:44 p.m. EDT.