

**November Board Minutes (In-Person Meeting)**  
**Board of Trustees – GO NYC**  
**November 16, 2021**

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**Attendance:**

**GO-NYC:** S. Smith, C. Riccardi, T. Wilson, J. Silkowitz, C. K. Boyle, D. Tang

**BOARD:** S. Akselrad, J. McDonald, M. Duffy, I. Rodriguez, H. Wang, M. Gurney

**GOF:** L. Perkins, B. Chan, J. Thomas, V. Ceas

**Call to Order:** Board Meeting called to order by S. Akselrad at 5:30 p.m.

**Executive Session:** S. Akselrad called the meeting to order and entered into an Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. Executive Session concluded at 5:52 p.m.

- Timberly Wilson was named Interim Executive Director.
- Reviewed the plan for a national Executive Director search and the interview process.

**Finance Committee Report:** The school's auditing firm, Mengel Metzger Barr, presented the results of the fiscal year 21 audit. The Audited Financial Statements and the Report to the Finance Committee were presented to the Board of Trustees. Material findings were identified and discussed in detail.

**October Board Meeting Minutes Approved 5:55 p.m.**

**Board Secretary:** The Board of Trustees voted Ivan Rodriguez as Board Secretary.

**Board Resolution** to select Molly Gurney as a member to the Board of Trustees with a term expiring November 16, 2024, pending SED approval. A copy of the resolution is in Appendix A.

**Charter Revision Resolution:** The Board approved a revision to the School's Charter to modify the length of the school day while continuing to have a longer day than the district of location. A copy of the resolution is in Appendix B.

**Charter Revision Resolution:** The Board approved a revision to the School's Charter to modify the length of the school year while continuing to have a longer school year than the district of location. A copy of the resolution is in Appendix C.

**School Report: T. Wilson**

- Leadership update and revised organizational chart.
- Charter renewal timeline
- Student enrollment: 306 students are enrolled in GO-NYC
- COVID-19 policy update and communication to staff.
  - As of 11/26, new hires must be vaccinated with one dose of the vaccine as long as the second dose is scheduled within 30 days of hire
  - All staff members must be fully vaccinated by 12/29

- Staff members who are not vaccinated must have an approved medical or religious exemption to continue employment

**Facilities Update: M. Duffy**

- Lease negotiations continue with the site identified as a permanent facility.

**Academic Walkthrough: J. Thomases and J. McDonald**

- Debrief the walkthrough facilitated by the Great Oaks Foundation and the Academic Committee of the Board of Trustees on November 2, 2021.

**Adjournment: 6:55pm**

\_\_\_\_\_, **President of the Board of Trustees**  
Signature

**Great Oaks Charter School NY**

## Appendix A

### **Great Oaks Charter School NY Resolution Elect Molly Gurney to the Board of Trustees**

WHEREAS the Board of **Great Oaks Charter School NY** has duly held a board meeting on **November 16, 2021** consistent with its bylaws, and

WHEREAS a quorum of **Great Oaks Charter School NY** trustees had, and

WHEREAS discussions concerning an addition of additional board members to the Board of Trustees of **Great Oaks Charter School NY**, and

WHEREAS a motion to add **Molly Greer Gurny** as a member(s) to the Board of Trustees was made, and

WHEREAS the above referenced motion was seconded, and thereafter a vote to accept or reject said motion was taken by the Board of **Great Oaks Charter School NY**, and

WHEREAS the above referenced motion was duly accepted and passed by **Great Oaks Charter School NY** board,

NOW, therefore, **Great Oaks Charter School NY** Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, has voted to select **Molly Greer Gurny** as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on **3** years from the date of NYSED approval, pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving **Molly Greer Gurny** is adopted upon NYSED's approval

I, **Susan Akselrad**, as **President** of the Board of Trustees of **Great Oaks Charter School NY**, organized and existing under the laws of New York, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of **Great Oaks Charter School NY** at a meeting convened and held November 16, 2021 at which a quorum was present and voting throughout and that such resolution is adopted upon NYSED's approval and is in accordance with the provisions of the charter and by-laws of **Great Oaks Charter School NY**.

\_\_\_\_\_, **President of the Board of Trustees**  
Signature

Dated: **November 16, 2021**  
**Great Oaks Charter School NY**

## **Appendix B**

### **REQUEST FOR CHARTER REVISION TO SHORTEN THE SCHOOL DAY HOURS**

Whereas: GO-NYC is successfully serving and educating students with an extended school year, it would like to shorten the school day from 7:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. as stated in the School's Charter Agreement.

Now it is hereby resolved that: Susan Akselrad, President of the Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to submit to the Board of Regents a request for a revision to the School's Charter to modify the length of the school day while continuing to have a longer day than the district of location.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Akselrad, President

## **Appendix C**

### **REQUEST FOR CHARTER REVISION TO SHORTEN THE SCHOOL YEAR**

Whereas: GO-NYC is successfully serving and educating students with an extended school year, it would like to shorten the school year from 200 instructional days as stated in the School's Charter Agreement.

Now it is hereby resolved that: Susan Akselrad, President of the Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to submit to the Board of Regents a request for a revision to the School's Charter to modify the length of the school year while continuing to have a longer school year than the district of location.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Akselrad, President