

**Governing Board Governance and Accountability Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
September 19, 2023 8:00**

The Oglethorpe Charter School Governance and Accountability Committee met on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

Mr. Wall presented a brief overview of the Oglethorpe Charter School Strategic Plan, Bylaws, and Policy and Procedure Manual.

Bylaw Review: Based on the whole group training that was held with the Governing Board on July 31, 2023, Ayana Clark (Georgia Charter Schools Association) stated that the OCS Governing Board would need to amend the Bylaws for the number of people serving on the board. The language used in the current bylaws states: The Governing Board will have 11 members, four of which will be parents of children who attend Oglethorpe Charter School and are not employed by the Board of Education. At least three of these parent representatives will also represent employers for which they work. Four members will represent higher education partners: Savannah State University, Georgia Southern University, Savannah Technical College, and the Savannah College of Art and Design. Three members will be community members at large who represent a leading employer in one of Oglethorpe's areas of career focus (Biotechnology Research and Development, Computer Programing, Entrepreneurship, Engineering and Technology, Fine Arts, Forensics, and World Language). The Administrator will participate in Governing Board meetings as a non-voting participant. The term on the Administrator's function with the board will coincide with his/her contract of employment. Parent terms will be two years. Community representative terms will be for one year. The three officers of the corporation will be members of the Governing Board.

Note: The bulk of the language in Article 4 Section 1 of Personnel Terms was revised when Oglethorpe Charter School was trying to add a career academy high school during the previous charter renewal process.

Strategic Plan Review: It was brought up by James Shehane (Oglethorpe AP) during the Governing Board Academic Committee meeting that was held September 12, 2023, that Oglethorpe Charter School once had a schoolwide policy for all teachers to get gifted certification. Mr. Shehane stated that we could gain an additional \$40,000 to \$50,000 in FTE funding if we required our non-gifted certified teacher to get gifted certified. Mr. Brown and Mr. Wall also discussed the need to look at our one-to-one technology initiative to make sure we keep current with our technology needs.

Policy and Procedure Manual Review: The only thing Mr. Brown and Mr. Wall discussed related to the policy and procedure manual was possibly making the OCS requirement for gifted certification a Governing Board Policy rather than a School Policy.

Mr. Wall ended the meeting by informing Mr. Brown that jump drives will be issued to all Governing Board Members which will include the major Governance and Accountability documents (Strategic plan, Charter Contract, Bylaws, and Policy and Procedure manual). In prior years, new members were given a huge three-ring binder to house those documents.