

**Oglethorpe Charter School  
Governing Board Meeting  
Agenda  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

<b>Open Session</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>1. Welcome</b>	<b>Lisa Reavis</b>
<b>2. Approve Agenda</b>	
<b>3. Approval of September Meeting Minutes</b>	
<b>4. Financial Report</b>	<b>Thomas C Buchanan</b>
<b>5. Presidents Report</b>	<b>Lisa Reavis</b>
<b>6. Administrators Report</b>	<b>Kevin Wall</b>
<b>7. Nomination Committee</b>	<b>Jonathan Brown</b>
<b>8. Closed Session</b>	<b>Kevin Wall</b>

**Note – Meeting in-person in the OCS Media Center 5:00**

# OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

## Governing Board Meeting September 26, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Lisa Reavis, Patrick Dean, Jonathan Brown, Regina Rahimi, LaQuisha Milton, Jennifer Everett, Matt Dowling

**Board Members Absent:** Connor Buchanen, Chris Hintz, Shenequa Gresham, Kate Blair

**Principal Present:** Kevin Wall

**Open Session:** Called to order at 5:00pm by Lisa Reavis

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda: Patrick Dean  
Motion to second: Jennifer Everett  
Motion passed unanimously

**Approval of August 29, 2022 meeting minutes:**

Motion to approve: Patrick Dean  
Motion to second: Jonathan Brown  
Motion passed unanimously

**Financial report was presented by Lisa Reavis**

**President's Report:** Oglethorpe Charter School has been granted an additional three years on its current charter with an adjusted expiration date of June 30, 2026.

We have received notice of Shenequa Gresham's resignation from the board. We would like to thank Mrs. Gresham for her service to our school, students, and our board.

**Principal's Report:** Title 1 has started Saturday School, with two sessions held to-date. See following memo to Board taken from Principal's notes:

To: OCS Governing Board  
From: Kevin Wall  
Date: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Congratulations Leeauna Woodring:** Leeauna has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the September Student of the Month. Leeanna is a high-performing 8<sup>th</sup> grader that is taking 3 core academic classes for high school credit (9<sup>th</sup> Math, 9<sup>th</sup> Comp Lit, and 9<sup>th</sup> Physical Science). Leeanna is involved with the chorus program at OCS and is also a Model UN team member. During her free time, Leeauna enjoys hanging out with her family and writing stories. She does not know at this point where she would like to go to high school, but she is going to the University of Georgia and would like to major in mathematics. Without hesitation, Leeauna stated that she is inspired by her mom because she is a survivor in every way. **Great kid!**

**On-Time Arrival:** We are requesting that all students arrive on the Oglethorpe Charter School campus no later than 7:35 a.m. The first-period class begins promptly at 7:40

a.m. For safety reasons, students arriving on campus after 7:40 a.m. will require parents to park in our parking lot and bring their children into the main office to sign them in. Chronic late arrivals will result in Saturday School being assigned to make up lost instructional time.

**OCS Softball:** The following girls will represent Oglethorpe Charter School in softball this year:

Olivia Blakey	Shilah Bradley	Tiara Campbell	Dekayla Day
Nyla Edwards	Melani Edwards	Kaitlyn Garrett	Gregalyn Garvin
Paige Hunter	Kyleigh Kramer	Ericka Lowman	Paige Mikell
Lillian Reasner	Damaria Riley	Ja'Niya Walker	Morgan Waterman
Ariel Youmans			

The lady Titan team is being coached by Gretchen Simpson and Raven Davis. Good luck players and coaches!

**OCS Titan Cheer Team:** The following girls will represent Oglethorpe Charter School in cheerleading this year:

Samay'a Stephens	Khloe Henry	Chloe Smith	Kyllahcia Cone
Rhyan Cuyler	Chaquioa Hall	Zariah Williams	Payton Anderson
Aiyana Bizzard	Kenniyah Byrd	Ramiya Worriels	Akerah Lee
Jaidah Wihlilams	Kelsey Stewart	Janai Dideir	Monay Polite
Nigeria Davis	Karissma Crawford	James Walker	Terriona Crawford
Nazyia Patterson	Kamryn Smith		

The lady Titan team is being coached by Banecia Baker. Congratulations ladies for being selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School during both the football and basketball games this year!

**Fall Festival Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 – 2:00:** OCS will be having a Fall Festival on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 – 2:00. This family-friendly event will have the following vendors on site:

Forever Grateful  
Savannah Pizza Company  
Jeremiah Italian Ice  
Finishing Touch Custom Cake and Sweets  
Chick-Fil-a  
Savannah Police  
Hopping Inflatables  
520 Wings  
Taco About It  
Paparazzi Jewelry  
Raww Jay's Concession Stand  
Designs by Parris  
Balloon and Chocolates  
Photobooth  
Savannah Banana's Jenn who's Cheesecakes  
Be Dazzled  
All About You DJ  
Ghost Pirates

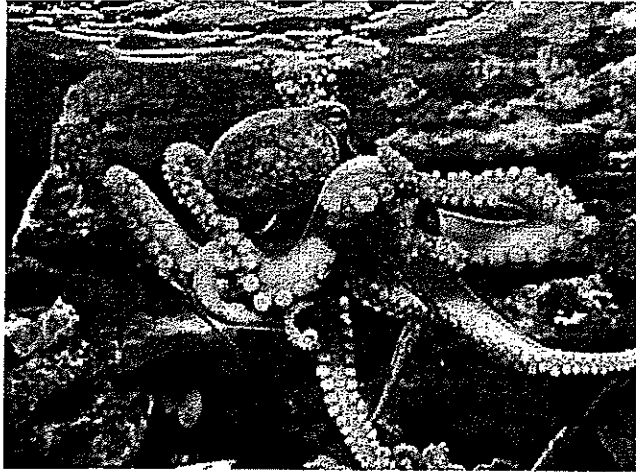
**PTO Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends Friday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>:** All cookie dough order forms and money are due this Friday (September 23<sup>rd</sup>). It is highly recommended for parents to bring the money and order forms to the front office if large quantities of cookie dough products have been ordered. The cookie dough will arrive for distribution towards the end of October. This is a win-win fundraiser for all students and families. Parents will receive all required family contract volunteer hours by selling just one tub of cookie dough. Students will receive 5 free dress-down days for selling 1-4 tubs of cookie dough. Students that sell 5-9 tubs of cookie dough will receive 10 free dress-down days. Students that sell 10 or more tubs of cookie dough will receive 10 free dress-down days and a lunch trip to the Oglethorpe food court during the school day.

**Deep Writing:** The creative Deep Writing program is being offered in person this year at Oglethorpe Charter School. We have a rich tradition with this after-school program dating back many years. Students that participate in this program can get their writing pieces published. The first Deep Writing after-school workshop will be on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in Ms. Roland's classroom.

**Kona Ice Grill & Chill Combined:** The first grill and chill will be sponsored by the TSA club on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will combine this activity with Kona Ice. The grill and chill activity was first introduced by Mark Case (former Future Business Leaders of America teacher) as a way of giving his FBLA students hands-on experience in running a small business enterprise. It was such a huge hit that all our clubs have been allowed to host a grill and chill and use the proceeds to fund their respective clubs.

**Marine Science:** Our first Marine Science field trip to the UGA facility on Skidaway island took place on September 13<sup>th</sup>. This was the first of many trips planned for this school year. Students will be Kayaking from Tybee Island to Little Tybee Island this Thursday. Mr. Wells has put together some good trips for the kids this year through his partnerships with Savannah State University and Georgia Southern University. Chris Hintz (OCS Governing Board member) has been instrumental in the startup of our Marine Science program at Oglethorpe and works quite closely with Mr. Wells combining hands-on marine science activities for our students. Scenes from Marine Science Field Trip:





Board entered closed session at 5:23pm. Board entered open session at 5:29pm.

### **Committee Reports**

**Governance and Accountability:** Chair, Patrick Dean - none

**Nomination Committee:** Chair, Jonathan Brown

Jonathan Brown, chair of the nomination committee, presented the resignation of Luis Branch.

Motion to accept resignation: Patrick Dean

Motion to second: Matt Dowling

Mr. Brown presented the new hire of Jonathan Carmack.

Motion to accept new hire: Patrick Dean

Motion to second: Regina Rahimi

Mr. Brown presented the resignation of Paige Geist.

Motion to accept resignation: Matt Dowling

Motion to second: Jennifer Everett

Mr. Brown presented the new hire of Dr. Kyle Siddons.

Motion to accept new hire: Patrick Dean

Motion to second: Regina Rahimi

Mr. Brown presented the resignation of Meghan Piegelbeck.

Motion to accept resignation: Regina Rahimi

Motion to second: Matt Dowling

Mr. Brown presented the new hire of Sara Weiber.

Motion to accept new hire: Matt Dowling

Motion to second: Jennifer Everett

Mr. Brown presented the resignation of Bethann Simmons.

Motion to accept resignation: Patrick Dean

Motion to second: Regina Rahimi

Mr. Brown presented the new hire Edwin "Sandy" Shepherd, Jr.

Motion to accept new hire: Jennifer Everett

Motion to second: Matt Dowling

Mr. Brown presented the resignation of Meghan Humphrey.

Motion to accept resignation: Matt Dowling

Motion to second: Patrick Dean

Mr. Brown presented the new hire of Joshlyn Reeves.

Motion to accept new hire: Regina Rahimi

Motion to second: Jennifer Everett

Mr. Brown presented the new hire of Devon Sitterson.

Motion to accept new hire: Patrick Dean

Motion to second: Regina Rahimi

Mr. Brown presented the new hire of Anita Williams.

Motion to accept new hire: Matt Dowling

Motion to second: Patrick Dean

**Academic Committee:** Chair, Regina Rahimi with Chris Hintz - none

**Other Business:** None

**Parent, Guest, Teacher, and Staff Comments:** Theresa Luciano observed the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held October 24, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Vogel  
Oglethorpe Charter School

To: OCS Governing Board  
From: Kevin Wall  
Date: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Congratulations Ferride Tatsinkou:** Ferride has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the November Student of the Month. Ferride is taking 9<sup>th</sup> grade Math, 9<sup>th</sup> grade Comp Lit, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Science. Ferride has been on High Honor Roll every grading period since 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Ferride would like to attend Woodville Tompkins High School and focus on nursing. She is undecided about where she would like to attend college, but she stated that she would like to follow in her mom's footsteps and be a nurse. Ferride likes to read and draw during her free time. She is inspired by her mom because she knows that her mom helps many people in her nursing career.

## UNDEFEATED CITY CHAMPIONS FOOTBALL

**OCS Fall Festival: Jennifer Darke** did an amazing job organizing the OCS Fall Festival. A huge shout-out is to all the following vendors that participated in this Fall event:

1. All About You Entertainment DJ volunteered his time and equipment so everyone could enjoy dancing!
2. Savannah Pizza Company
3. Home Depot provided free craft kits for children to build desk organizers and campers.
4. 520 Wings
5. BowTie BBQ
6. Scott Realty Professionals
7. Savannah Early College helped students brainstorm for high school and future careers.
8. Jeremiah's Italian Ice always supports our school and teachers!
9. The Savannah Police Department helped with traffic and building positive relationships with students/families.
10. Comic-Con Spiderman
11. Reggie came to represent the Savannah Bananas in his uniform!
12. The Fire Department (They took pictures for 4 hours, gave out fire hats, and answered questions about the firetruck.)
13. Bowtastic by Hailey
14. RawwJayy's Concession Stand
15. Designs by Paris
16. Aster Ray

17. Prewitt Homestead
18. Be Dazzled Events
19. The Palace A Luxury Event Experience (She provided free 360 photo booth photos for everyone!)
20. Chick-Fil-A
21. Kona Ice
22. Judy's Quilts
23. JennyWho's? Cheesecakes
24. Finishing Touch Custom Cake and Sweet Treats
25. Moon Wolf Jewels
26. Paparazzi Jewelry
27. Sweet Bees Creations
28. Big Bounce Inflatables
29. Visible Memories Photography
30. Skye Masnick (face painting)
31. Hue Dat? Face Painting
32. Mary Kay and Tutu The Unicorn Lip Gloss

Mrs. Darke would like to say a special thank you to the following faculty and staff:

Maquitha Page and Gwen Robbins- Thank you for keeping the school and areas around it clean and running smoothly! The feedback forms were filled with compliments related to cleanliness.

Susan Heard, Amanda Ruiz, Kimberly Bridges, Theresa Luciano, Karen Law, and Rebecca Greenbush (my mom and several parents also joined in to help)- Thank you for participating in trunk-or-treat! You had constant participants coming up to you and everyone kept saying how amazing the vehicles looked. They also stated how friendly each person was when they walked up to the vehicles.

Thank you to Monica Roland for coming and sharing the food drive to help families in need! Your booth was adorable!

Thank you to all the administrators for coming to supervise, help, and support the event!

Thank you to Carli Shehane for helping with anything anyone needed and taking photos!

Thank you to Michael Darke and my father Stanley Paja for working the Chick-Fil-A booth.

Thank you to Ron Winders! You saved the day by picking up the sandwiches! I appreciate your support and finding so many volunteers to help make Saturday successful.



Thank you to Sara Wieber for saving the day at the last minute and making the backdrop for Spiderman! He was a huge hit!

Thank you to Nicole Campbell for coming early to help with set-up and traffic help!

Thank you to Tiffani Cutter (PTO) for also helping direct traffic and coming to the event!

Thank you to all the parents, community members, and staff who came and created positive experiences for everyone!

Thank you to Cathy Vogel for helping me with the ideas and phone calls to vendors!

Thank you to Dolores Borden for helping me with gathering the Savannah Police support!

**OCS Football:** Oglethorpe Charter School will be playing in the **City Championship** game this Thursday. The OCS football team is defending its undefeated regular season record going into this last game of the season.

**Congratulations Tremaine Holman:** Tremaine has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the October Student of the Month. Tremaine is currently taking 9th-grade math, 9th-grade science, 9th-grade comp lit, 9th-grade engineering, and advanced band. Tremaine performs at high levels academically in all classes. Tremaine is a member of two academic honors clubs (National Junior Honor Society and BETA). Tremaine would like to attend either Jenkins School of Engineering or Woodville Tompkins High School. He is undecided about his college options. Tremaine hopes to work in the engineering field one day. During his free time, Tremaine enjoys riding his bike. He is inspired by his parents and one particular astronomer. **Great Kid!**

**Homecoming 2022:** Oglethorpe Charter celebrated Homecoming on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The Homecoming pep rally was the first schoolwide assembly held at Oglethorpe in 3 years due to the pandemic. The pep rally had a focus on honoring Mark Case (former teacher, coach, athletic director, and guidance counselor). Mark started the homecoming tradition at Oglethorpe years ago. We are probably the only middle school that has a true homecoming where alumni from high school and college come to the pep rally and football game. I would like to say a big thank you to Coach Perry and Ms. Baker for the high-energy pep rally and for making sure we get back to normal in every way after the pandemic.

**Credit Recovery:** We are quickly approaching the end of the first nine-week grading period. If your child fails one or more classes, Oglethorpe Charter will be offering credit recovery. If your child completes the required tasks for credit recovery, their failing grade will be changed to a passing grade. Our goal is to make sure that all students complete all required classroom work. If they complete the required classroom work before testing, there is a strong possibility that they will perform a whole lot better on GMAS testing. Our secondary goal with credit recovery is to give students every

opportunity to not have to attend summer school for yearly failing grades in core content classes. Some students may only need to complete a few assignments for teachers to be able to get their grades from failing to passing. For other students that did not complete a lot of assignments, we use the Edgenuity platform and assign standards-based modules for them to complete.

**Grill & Chill Kona Ice Day Thursday:** The first Grill and Chill will be sponsored by the TSA club on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Kona Ice will join the grill and chill event too.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bridging Ceremony:** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Bridging Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the OCS main parking lot. This will once again be a drive-through ceremony format. We always try to get this information out to families early in the year.

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**OCS Volleyball:** The following girls will represent Oglethorpe Charter School in Volleyball this year:

Raven White	Natalia Rico	Kyleigh White	Hannah Nieves
Abrianna Brennan	Madison Nevels	Paige Hunter	Destiny Simmons
Trinity Singleton	Allecia Lora	Khimahri Waldburg	Kaliah Flores
Nyla Edwards	Saraya Defreitas	Ashlyn Walker	

Raven Davis will be coaching the OCS team this year. Good Luck Players and Coach Davis!

**Credit Recovery:** The first 9-week grading period ended on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Oglethorpe Charter will offer credit recovery if your child fails one or more classes. If your child completes the required tasks for credit recovery, their failing grade will be changed to a passing grade. Our goal is to make sure that all students complete all required classroom work. If your child completes the required classroom work before testing, it is a strong possibility that they will perform much better on GMAS testing. Our secondary goal with credit recovery is to give students every opportunity to not have to attend summer school for yearly failing grades in core content classes. Some students may only need to complete a few assignments for teachers to be able to get their grades from failing to passing. For other students that did not complete a lot of assignments, we use the Edgenuity platform and assign standards-based modules for

them to complete. **Please make it a top priority for your child to complete all required tasks if they are a part of the credit recovery process.**

**Cookie Dough Information:** The OCS PTA was delayed for one week in counting the cookie dough proceeds due to the hurricane closure. German Nieves (PTO President) reported that the OCS PTO was able to get all money counted on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the PTO and the entire faculty and staff at OCS, I would like to say a big thank you to all students and parents for embracing this fundraiser. \$34,767 was turned in to OCS with an additional \$10,000 in online sales for a total of around \$45,000. This is huge! We have had many questions related to the delivery date. The cookie dough delivery date should be the week before Thanksgiving Break or the week following. We should know that information very soon and will do several callouts to make sure we get the word out on the exact date. Thank you for your support of our annual fundraiser!

**Fall Festival:** The OCS Fall Festival is quickly approaching. Please plan to attend this great event on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.