

2025-26 GIA Board Meeting Minutes

June 23 Meeting Minutes:

The Grande Innovation Academy: 950 N. Peart Rd. Casa Grande, AZ 85122- Conference room

Date posted	Date of meeting	Meeting commenced	Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Members of Public Present	Discussion and Legal Action	Adjournment
June 16, 2025	June 23, 2025	12:00 PM	Patty Messer, Amanda Mace, Kenneth McCormick, and Mindi Dawkins	None	Scott Laufenberg	<p>1. Patty Messer explained the Annual Budget process of approving the proposed budget, then having to wait for a bit before having another meeting to adopt the annual budget. She went over a few highlights in regards to the budget as well. None of the board members had questions at this time. Amanda Mace motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget. Kenneth McCormick seconded the motion to approve the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget. Amanda Mace voted yes, Kenneth McCormick voted yes, Patty Messer voted yes, and Mindi Dawkins voted yes. Passes 4-0.</p> <p>2. Patty Messer touched on the Internal Policies that required a vote as well. All of these were previously sent out to board members and there were no questions at this time. Kenneth McCormick motioned to approve GIA's internal policies. Amanda Mace seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 internal policies. Kenneth McCormick voted yes, Amanda Mace voted yes, Patty Messer voted yes, and Mindi Dawkins voted yes. Passes 4-0.</p>	<p>Motion for Adjournment @ 12:06 pm by Patty Messer. Amanda Mace seconded the motion for adjournment, Kenneth McCormick voted yes and Mindi Dawkins voted yes. Passes 4-0.</p>

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July 07 Meeting Minutes:

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July 01,, 2025	July 07,, 2025	10:00 AM	Patty Messer, Amanda Mace and Kenneth McCormick	Mindi Dawkins	<p>- Patty Messer let the board know that there were no inquiries about the 2025-26 budget. Amanda Mace motioned to approve the proposed budget for the 2025-26 school year. Kenneth McCormick seconded the motion to approve the proposed budget. Amanda Mace voted yes, Kenneth McCormick voted yes, and Patty Messer voted yes. Passes 3-0.</p>	<p>Motion for Adjournment @ 10:02 am by Patty Messer. Amanda Mace seconded the motion for adjournment, and Kenneth McCormick voted yes. Passes 3-0.</p>

August 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

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Date posted	Date of meeting	Meeting commenced	Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Discussion and Legal Action	Adjournment
August 11, 2025	August 19, 2025	11:00 AM	Patty Messer, Mindi Dawkins and Kenneth McCormick	Amanda Mace	<p>A. New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School updates: Patty Messer informed the board that GIA is now in its fourth week of school. Current enrollment includes 850 scholars in grades K–8 and 27 scholars in Pre-K. All staff positions are filled, and the newly hired team members are integrating well and performing successfully. Patty Messer highlighted recent events, including <i>Donuts with Grownups</i>, and noted that preparations are underway for upcoming Curriculum Nights. Athletics have also begun, with soccer starting for the lower grade levels and additional sports have begun for grades 5–8. The board received the update, and no questions were raised. - Path to Potential Closure: Patty Messer informed the board that GIA applied for the <i>Path to Potential</i> program prior to COVID, and it was approved in August 2020. Since being approved, the program has remained open with no more than 3–4 scholars enrolled at any given time. After consultation with the Charter Board, it was decided to close <i>Path to Potential</i> due to low enrollment. Patty Messer also noted that the Instructional Time Model (ITM) could be considered as an alternative option in the future, if needed. Mindi Dawkins motioned to approve the closure of the <i>Path to Potential</i> online school. Kenneth McCormick seconded the motion to approve the closure. Mindi Dawkins voted yes, Kenneth McCormick voted 	<p>Motion for Adjournment by Patty Messer @ 11:05am. Mindi Dawkins seconded the motion for adjournment, and Kenneth McCormick voted yes. Passes 3-0.</p>

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September 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

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Date posted	Date of meeting	Meeting commenced	Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Members of Public Present	Discussion and Legal Action	Adjournment
September 24, 2025	September 30, 2025	11:00 AM	Patty Messer, Mindi Dawkins and Kenneth McCormick	Amanda Mace	Scott Laufenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A. Call to the Pubic: None - B. New Business: Heat Policy; vote required: The Heat Policy was sent previously to all board members as well as displayed during the meeting. None of the board members had questions in regards to the Heat Policy. Mindi Dawkins stated that this policy appears to align with other schools and programs that she is familiar with. Patty Messer added that this policy also aligns with the CAA program which is what The Grande Innovation Academy goes through for sports. Kenneth McCormick motioned to approve the Heat Policy, Mindi Dawkins seconded the motion to approve the Heat Policy. Kenneth McCormick voted yes, Mindi Dawkins voted yes, and Patty Messer voted yes.No further questions were raised. Passes 3-0. - No Photo Policy; vote required: The No Photo policy was sent previously to all board members as well as displayed during the meeting. 	Motion for Adjournment by Patty Messer @ 11:11am. Mindi Dawkins seconded the motion for adjournment and Kenneth McCormick voted yes. Passes 3-0.

						<p>None of the members had any questions in regards to the policy. Kenneth McCormick motioned to approve the No Photo policy, Mindi Dawkins seconded the motion to approve the No photo policy. Kenneth McCormick voted yes, Mindi Dawkins voted yes, and Patty Messer voted yes. No further questions were raised. Passes 3-0.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 301 money; vote required: Patty Messer stated that the only change from last year to this year with 301 money is that they are proposing that the grade level team money is calculated among everyone for K-2 just like it currently is for 4-8th grades. Mindi Dawkins asked if a class within that grade level scored higher than another class if that would change the payout. Patty Messer clarified that it wouldn't because it would be calculated for the whole grade level team. Mindi Dawkins asked if this is the same for Interventionists and Patty Messer responded that it was not due to there being a separate pay scale for Interventionists. No further questions were raised by the board. Patty Messer motioned to approve the 301 money plan, Mindi Dawkins seconded the motion to approve the 301 money plan. Patty Messer voted yes, Mindi Dawkins voted yes, and Kenneth McCormick voted yes. Passes 3-0.- Annual Financial Report; vote required. This report was previously sent to all board members. Patty Messer asked if there were any questions in regards to the report and none of the members had any. Patty Messer then stated	
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						<p>that The Grande Innovation Academy had their yearly audit and there were "no findings" which was great. Patty Messer motioned to approve the Annual Financial Report, Mindi Dawkins seconded to approve the Annual Financial report. Patty Messer voted yes, Mindi Dawkins voted yes, and Kenneth McCormick voted yes. No further questions were raised. Passes 3-0.</p>	
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