

**Oglethorpe Charter School  
Governing Board Meeting  
Agenda  
May 13, 2019**

<b>Open Session</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>1. Welcome</b>	<b>Lisa Grooms</b>
<b>2. Approve Agenda</b>	
<b>3. Approval of April Meeting Minutes</b>	
<b>4. Financial Report</b>	<b>Henry Perry</b>
<b>5. Presidents Report</b>	<b>Lisa Grooms</b>
<b>6. Administrators Report</b>	<b>Kevin Wall</b>
<b>7. Nomination Committee Report Officer Appointments for 2019-2020</b>	<b>Jon Cohen</b>
<b>8. Closed Session Personnel Resignation &amp; New Hire</b>	

# OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

## Governing Board Meeting

April 29, 2019

**Board Members Present:** Lisa Reavis, Patrick Dean, Jon Cohen, Chris Hintz, Katie Balthrop, Kathleen Fabrikant, Matt Dowling, Emad Afifi

**Board Members Absent:** Henry Perry, Tracy Kennedy, Felix Hamza-Lup

**Principal Present:** Kevin Wall

**Others Present:** None

**Open Session:** Called to order at 5:15 pm by Lisa Reavis.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda: Kathleen Fabrikant  
Motion to second: Patrick Dean  
Motion was unanimously passed

**Approval of March meeting minutes:**  
Motion to approve: Katie Balthrop  
Motion to second: Jon Cohen  
Motion was unanimously passed

**Financial Report:** The monthly financial report through March, 2019 was presented by Lisa Reavis.

**President's Report:** Lisa Reavis initiated the introduction of newly appointed board member, Mr. Matt Dowling, who is replacing Terri Keldie as a Board Community Rep.

**Principal's Report:** (See attached memo to Board taken from Principal notes.)  
Congratulations Kelsi Nicholson and William Mitchell for being selected to represent OCS as the April students of the month.

### Committee Reports

**Governance and Accountability:** Chair, Patrick Dean with members Jon Cohen, Henry Perry, Tavares Brown, Dr. Kolman, Carli Shehane, and Mark Case.

Jon Cohen presented the resignation of 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher, Kerry Crain.  
Motion to accept resignation: Chris Hintz  
Motion to second: Patrick Dean

Jon Cohen presented the new hire of Lori Hoff to replace Kerry Crain.  
Motion to accept new hire: Patrick Dean  
Motion to second: Kathleen Fabrikant

**Nomination Committee:** Chair, Jon Cohen with members Henry Perry and Kathleen Fabrikant.

Jon Cohen passed out Governing Board Community Representative ballots for 2019-2020 to all board members for vote. When all completed ballots were gathered, Jon reported the unanimous results. The following seven people will hold community representative positions on the Governing Board: Lisa Reavis, Jon Cohen, Felix Hamza-Lup, Dr. Mary Rebecca Wells, Jonathan Brown, Dawn Deppen, and Howard Hickey.

Jon Cohen presented nominations for the following Board officer positions for the 2019-2020 school year:

President – Lisa Reavis

Vice President – Patrick Dean

Vice President of Finance – Howard Hickey

Motion to close nominations: Chris Hintz

Motion to second: Kathleen Fabrikant

These positions will be voted on at the next board meeting.

**Academic Committee:** Chair, Kathleen Fabrikant with members Chris Hintz, Patrick Dean, Kevin Wall, Tavares Brown, Monica Roland, and Kerry Crain - none.

**Closed Session:** The Board entered closed session at 5:35pm. The Board entered open session at 6:15pm.

**Other Business:** None.

**Parent, Guest, Teacher, and Staff Comments:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held May 13, 2019 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Vogel  
Oglethorpe Charter School

To: OCS Governing Board  
From: Kevin Wall  
Date: April 24, 2019

**Happy Retirement:** Donna Baxter will be greatly missed by the entire Oglethorpe School family. Donna is one of our last original staff members that helped start Oglethorpe Charter School in 1999. Her original job title was Super Sub, but she basically do any job in the building. Donna could take over any classroom at Oglethorpe when one of our teachers was out and run the classroom with a high degree of quality and efficiency. Donna worked at Oglethorpe for 19 years and received many accolades over the years. She was nominated several times over the years by the faculty and staff to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the instructional support person of the year. Donna was a mother and grandmother figure to many OCS students over the years. She wanted to keep her retirement quiet and spent her last day working at Oglethorpe on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Donna's main goal in retirement is to spend as much time as possible with her grandchildren and family. It is very easy for me to say the following: **Job Well Done Donna Baxter!**

**OCS Baseball:** The following student athletes will be representing Oglethorpe Charter School this year in baseball:

<b>Carson Kurdys</b>	<b>Shane Dyal</b>	<b>Jeremy Thomas</b>
<b>Jeremiah Brown</b>	<b>Grant Dean</b>	<b>Brannon Jacobs</b>
<b>Micah Futch</b>	<b>Michael Tuck</b>	<b>Jordon Scott</b>
<b>Jeremiah James</b>	<b>Jamori Taylor</b>	

**Kylan Daniels**

Ron Morgan, Chris Jones and Matt Finley will be coaching the OCS Baseball Team this year. **Good Luck Players and Coaches!**

**OCS Girls Soccer:** The following student athletes will be representing Oglethorpe Charter School in soccer:

Alauna Nevels	Aniya Roberts	Catherine Costner
Chelsea Smalls	Denise Ruiz-Vega	Eva Aguilar
Karla Miranda	Zekira Hall	Lauren Whiteford
Madeline Mogel-Larios	Mariana Puc	Mylea Ellison
Nooran Hunter	Olivia Zuken	Paris Washington
Stella Snyder		

**OCS Boys Soccer:** The following student athletes will be representing Oglethorpe Charter School in soccer:

Michael Becton	Jack Candline	Cesar Castro
Chris Cruz	Xion Dean	Nelson Diaz
Gael Diaz	Jack Dorminey	Caleb Fyall
Graig Janhrette	Emmanuel Kennerly	Moses Malwal

Liam McDaniel  
Ashor Sigmon  
Theron White

Lyle Paquette  
Jackson Smith  
Ben Wright

Jonathan Santana  
Ryland Summers  
Damien Wright

Rebecca Greenbush and Chardae Clayton will be coaching the girls team this year, and Jay Shehane will be coaching the boys team. **Good Luck Players and Coaches!**

**Congratulations Kelsi Nicholson:** Kelsi has been selected to represent the 8<sup>th</sup> grade traditional team as the April Student of the Month. Kelsi is one of the highest performing students academically at Oglethorpe Charter School. She is taking 3 high school classes as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader (9<sup>th</sup> Science, 9<sup>th</sup> Math and 9<sup>th</sup> Comp Lit). Kelsi is involved in school leadership serving as the President of Student Council, and she is also a member of the BETA Club and National Junior honor Society. Kelsi used her theatre skill set to audition for Savannah Arts Academy this year and recently learned that she has been accepted. Kelsi would like to attend Harvard and double major in political science and law. Kelsi likes to read, play the guitar and write during her free time. She is inspired by her chorus teacher (Mrs. Woods), because Mrs. Woods is always happy and has been a big supporter of Kelsi while at Oglethorpe. **Great Kid!**

**Congratulations William Mitchell:** William has been selected to represent the looping 8<sup>th</sup> grade team as the April Student of the Month. William is taking 3 high school classes as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader (9<sup>th</sup> Science, 9<sup>th</sup> Math and 9<sup>th</sup> Comp Lit). William is a member of the BETA Club and has given back to the community with his community service helping with the annual canned food drive. William made application to Woodville Tompkins High School and was recently accepted. William plans on following the aviation pathway at Woodville and hopes to attend Georgia Tech and major in aerospace engineering. During his free time, William enjoys listening to hip hop and jazz music. William is inspired by his mother because of her work ethic with Gulf Stream. He is also inspired by his brother for his accolades in the United States Air Force. William is humble student that leads by example. **Great Kid!**

**STEM 360 Summer Camp 2019:** The Savannah State University STEM 360 Summer Enrichment Camp is a phenomenal annual camp that keeps getting better and better every year. This annual camp was put in place to give students an alternative summer experience through STEM enrichment. Students will participate in sessions that enhance their knowledge and appreciation for STEM subjects. The activities that are offered during camp also support the SECME and First LEGO League competitions that STEM 360 activity hosts every year. If you would like for your child to be a part of this thrilling experience, please plan on attending the mandatory Summer enrichment orientation at Oglethorpe Charter School on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. All participants must attend and complete the orientation session. **You must register your child for camp prior to April 24<sup>th</sup>. The registration link is on the OCS website under the student life drop down menu.**

**Happy Retirement:** At the conclusion of this school year, we will be saying goodbye to a great friend. Mrs. Gardner turned everything into a master piece of fine art that she was associated with at Oglethorpe Charter School. When you drive up on the OCS campus, you see 3 large orange planters. Those particular planters were being thrown away by the Oglethorpe Mall. They were faded pink and looked hideous. Mrs. Gardner was able to convince her husband to go to the mall so that she could get her hands on the planters and display them at OCS. When you drop off your child or pick your child up in car pool, you see these planters every day. Mrs. Gardner made the main hallway look like an art gallery, and she displayed some of the coolest art pieces created by our

OCS students in the display cases in the main hallway. If a student truly wanted to get into Savannah Arts, Mrs. Gardner was able to guide them in the right direction with their art portfolio for the auditioning requirement to get into Savannah Arts Academy. Mrs. Gardner helped the entire school. She continuously provided support to the theatre department helping with the stage sets on many of the plays. Mrs. Gardner was also in charge of the year book at Oglethorpe, and she attended every event hosted by Oglethorpe with camera in hand. Mrs. Gardner worked hard every day and treated every student with dignity and respect. She had a winning attitude and a positive demeanor at all times. There are people that retire on the job well before their retirement date. That has not been the case with Katherine Gardner. During her last year of service this year, Mrs. Gardner never took days off. The quality of the student work that was displayed during her last year was better than all previous years. Mrs. Gardner did everything the right way every day. Mrs. Gardner plans on spending time with her husband and doing those bucket list things that both of them planned on doing in retirement. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I want to say Thank you for being an amazing example for me and our school. Your dedication and hard work has been really inspiring! We will never forget you for that! Enjoy your retirement! Job well done Katherine Gardner!

**SECME Competition:** The OCS Tech team had two first place finishes at the SECME competition held at Savannah State University on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Titan Tech students earned a first place in the Mouse Trap Car competition and the Vex Robot competition. **Great job Titan Tech students and Mrs. Luciano!**

SECME's goal is to increase the pool of students and prepare them to enter and complete post-secondary studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), thus creating a diverse and globally competitive workforce.

**Peachjar:** The Savannah Chatham County School System has placed the Peach Jar Application (App) on the OCS website. What is Peach Jar?

## **Peachjar unites schools, parents and communities in their joint mission to elevate student outcomes and increase parent engagement.**

The cloud-based communication platform streamlines school-to-home communication by distributing vital school updates and community resources directly to parents as digital flyers. On average, each school saves 740 hours in labor and 84,000 sheets of paper annually. More than 14,000 schools in 600 school districts, 20,000 community organizations and 10 million parents in 40 states rely on Peachjar to deliver life-changing resources critical to student achievement and social-emotional health.

Note: If you open up the home page on the OCS web site, simply click on the Peachjar app and you will see the flyers that have been posted.

Kevin Wall