

**Oglethorpe Charter School  
Governing Board Meeting  
Agenda  
April 27, 2020**

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| <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 February Meeting Minutes</b> |                      |
| <b>4. Financial Report</b>                     | <b>Howard Hickey</b> |
| <b>5. Presidents Report</b>                    | <b>Lisa Reavis</b>   |
| <b>6. Administrators Report</b>                | <b>Kevin Wall</b>    |
| <b>7. Closed Session</b>                       | <b>New Hires</b>     |

# OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting  
February 24, 2020

**Board Members Present:** Lisa Reavis, Patrick Dean, Jon Cohen, Mary Wells, Chris Hintz, Dawn Deppen, Jonathan Brown, Matt Dowling

**Board Members Absent:** Howard Hickey, Katie Balthrop

**Principal Present:** Kevin Wall

**Others Present:** None

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

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda: Mary Wells  
Motion to second: Matt Dowling  
Motion unanimously passed

**Approval of January meeting minutes:**  
Motion to approve: Mary Wells  
Motion to second: Dawn Deppen  
Motion unanimously passed

**Financial Report:** The monthly financial report through January 31, 2020 was presented by Lisa Reavis.

**President's Report:** None.

**Principal's Report:** See attached memo to Board taken from Principal's notes.

## **Committee Reports**

**Governance and Accountability:** Chair, Patrick Dean with Jon Cohen – none.

**Nomination Committee:** Chair, Jon Cohen - none

**Academic Committee:** Chair, Rebecca Wells with Chris Hintz - none

**Other Business:** None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is March 30, 2020 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Vogel  
Oglethorpe Charter School

To: OCS Governing Board  
From: Kevin Wall  
Date: February 24, 2020

**Mark Case:** Mr. Case is hosting a fundraiser for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. "The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) is dedicated to fighting the world's toughest cancer. In our urgent mission to save lives, we attack pancreatic cancer on all fronts: research, clinical initiatives, patient services, and advocacy. We are determined to improve patient outcomes today and to double survival."  
(<http://www.pancan.org/about-us/>)

He has chosen this cause very pragmatically. As it happens, Mr. Case was diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer in late October. He has already raised \$4,500 on Facebook, but his goal is to raise a total of \$10,000 before the end of the school year. By helping his cause, you are helping all pancreatic cancer patients' chances of survival.

To donate, go to: [bit.ly/CaseAgainstCancer](http://bit.ly/CaseAgainstCancer)

**Back Story:** Mr. Case is one of the founders of Oglethorpe Charter School. He is one of three founders that has worked at Oglethorpe Charter School from the opening of the school in 1999 to our present day. Mark has worn many hats at Oglethorpe over the years. He started our technology program when we were housed in the old school building. During that time frame, we had not started the splitting of the math classes yet, and Mr. Case was a part of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teaching team. Mr. Case is passionate about many things. He is spiritually sound, and he will mention something positive about his family every day. In the 14 years that I have worked with Mr. Case, he speaks about Paige (wife), Chandler & Allen (daughters) to me as well as his co-workers on a daily basis. Mark is passionate about Oglethorpe Charter School. He has had many opportunities to go to other schools but has chosen to remain loyal to Oglethorpe Charter School. His desire is to make every program and every student at Oglethorpe Charter School better. Mr. Case has been very passionate about the athletic program at Oglethorpe Charter School. During his tenure as the OCS Athletic Director, Oglethorpe Charter School won 19 City Championships in a 5 year period. Mr. Case started the Future Business Leaders of America program at Oglethorpe Charter School and grew the membership to well over 100 students in two years. Prior to Mr. Case taking his current Guidance Counseling position at OCS, he was a top 3 finalist in the school system for teacher of the year. Mr. Case was instrumental in helping Oglethorpe Charter School receive a 5 Star Climate rating by the Department of Education last and also this year by leading our PBIS initiative. The most popular RA activity that we do at Oglethorpe was created by Mr. Case (Grill and Chill). We have many alumni that come back to visit us every year. The number one person in the building that they ask to see is Mr. Case. Mr. Case started our Homecoming tradition at Oglethorpe Charter School. I know that I am not alone when I say that Mr. Case is not only one of the most intelligent

and passionate educators in this building, but he has a tremendous sense of humor. He would have been a perfect addition on Saturday Night Live with John Belushi and Chris Farley back in the day. Despite the seriousness of the diagnosis that Mr. Case has been given, he has not lost his sense of humor or his passion for Oglethorpe Charter School. He is here every day working hard and making a huge difference in our school.

**Congratulations Abhishek Parikh:** Abhishek has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the February Student of the Month. Abhishek is currently taking two classes as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader for high school credit (9<sup>th</sup> Math & 9<sup>th</sup> Science). He is a member of the BETA club and a former member of the FBLA club. Abhishek competes on many of the academic teams at OCS (Academic Bowl Team, Math Bowl Team and Model United Nations Team). Abhishek would like to attend Jenkins High School. He would like to be an engineer one day and hopes to get into the engineering specialty program at Jenkins High School. Abhishek has not nailed down a favorite potential college that he would like to attend, but he does know that he would like to one day work in the engineering or computer science field. During his free time, Abhishek enjoys playing video games, reading and playing soccer. Abhishek is inspired by his parents because of their strong work ethic. **Great Kid!!!**

**Fall Semester Top Student Awards:** The Fall semester academic awards ceremony was held on January 29<sup>th</sup> in the OCS Theatre. We all would like to say a special thank you to Mr. Brown for a new and improved format in helping to recognize our outstanding OCS students. The following students were recognized by their respective teaching teams:

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Looping:**

Top Student Math Alpha & ELA (Maria Jose Videia), Top Student Math Delta (Laila Limar), Top Student Science, Reading & ELA (James Youmans), Top Student SS (Payton Gromoshak), Top Student SS (Hailey Hayden), Top Student SS (Talaisha Ruth), Most Improved (Ailiyah Ruth, Ah'Breya Phillips, Amy Martin, Juan Rodriguez, Saul Castillo & Jaeden Dunn), Top Character (Talaisha Jackson, Elise Bryant, Aaralynn Lance, Devonte Thompson & Maribel Monjarez).

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Traditional:**

Top Student Math Alpha, Science, & SS (Vir Derola), Top Student Math Delta & SS (Autum Gizzard), Top Student ELA (Ayanna Williams), Top Student Reading (Emmalee Brinson), Top Student Reading (Marcus Monroe), Most Improved (Anthony Puc, Jasarah Ancrum, Bryson Parker, Robert Camford, Takiyah Jackson, Dextasia Washington, Ra'Shawnda Wolfolk, Ayanna Williams, Yoel Flores, Sabrina Imus, Ayanna Jackson and Diego Pullins).

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Top Student Math Alpha & SS (Carson Kurdys), Top Student Math Delta (Ishika Patel), Top Student Science (Liam McDaniels), Top Student Science (Anna Friedman), Top Student Science (Livette Tatsinkou), Top Student Science (Partha Patel), Top Student Reading (Joshua Burns), Top Student SS (Aama Patel), Top Student SS (Jackson Smith), Most Improved (Isabella Lora, Keith McDuffy, Ryder Delaney, Gianna Brown,

Ella Cheeks and Hannah Dawson), Top Character (Ishika Patel, Carson Kurdys, Stuart Barnes, Gael Diaz, Anna Friedman, and Partha Patel)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Top Student Math Alpha & Reading (Kyra Bradshaw), Top Student Math Delta & Physical Science (Terrence Williams), Top Student Algebra 1 (Bashiah McNutt), Top Student Algebra 1, SS, 9<sup>th</sup> Comp Lit, & 9<sup>th</sup> Science (Shradhdha Srikanth), Top Student ELA & Physical Science (Alanis Hernandez), Top Student 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Comp Lit (Santoria Minson), Most Improved (Joey Bell, Miranda Cole, Joshua Core, Calvin Guitreau, Chayse Jenkins, and Saadiyah Williams), Top Character (Taraji Baker, Kyra Bradshaw, Walker Burkett, Bre'a Cooper, Gabriel Hintz, Natalia Morales, and Bashiah McNutt)

**Principals Award:** Shradhdha Srikanth  
**Assistant Principal Award:** Camille Fryson  
**Director of Instruction Award:** Carson Kurdys

**Students that earned first Semester High Honor Roll and Honor Roll will be recognized in Notes next week.**

**Parent School Climate Survey Reminder:** Parents play a key role in gathering data for the yearly school climate rating. Please take the time to complete the following survey about Oglethorpe Charter School at the following link:

**Georgia Parent Survey**  
Anonymous survey for all parents/guardians  
Parent Survey Link: <http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>

**HIGH HONOR ROLL      HIGH HONOR ROLL      HIGH HONOR ROLL**

**High Honor Roll Criteria:** The following students had an average of 95 with no grade below 80 during the first semester:

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| Vir Derola         | Autum Gizzard   | Limar Laila          |
| Maria Jose Videa   | Emmalee Brinson | Ayanna Williams      |
| Faith Adeniyi      | Stuart Barnes   | Anna Friedman        |
| Carson Kurdys      | Malia Lewis     | Sriharsha Mallepoola |
| Liam McDaniel      | Aarna Patel     | Ishika Patel         |
| Pratha Patel       | Jackson Smith   | Ryland Summers       |
| Shradhdha Srikanth |                 |                      |

**HONOR ROLL      HONOR ROLL      HONOR ROLL**

**Honor Roll Criteria:** The following students had an Average of 90 with no grade below 80 during the first semester:

Alysson Antunez  
Kenneth Clark  
Joseph Hicks  
Crystal Johnson  
Danniyia Lewis  
Donavan Ricks  
DaVonte' Thompson  
Sabrea Wright  
Jeremiah Brown  
Ny'Asia Butler  
Malachi Chestnut  
Jasmine Coleman  
Kelcyee Frazier  
Nalanti Green  
Carter Heyward  
Madison Jones  
Nyanduk Malwal  
Akeria Pridgen  
Livette Tatsinkou  
Shaniya Zeigler  
Kyra Bradshaw  
Ta' Mya Campbell  
Mia Heyward  
Bashiah McNutt  
Teixera  
Nia Wilkerson

Ashlyn Bowers  
Pedro Gomez  
Sabrina Imus  
Amelia Keldie  
Diana Morales-Murrieta  
Caisyn Simpson  
Paul Valdes  
Hugo Abad-Tiache  
Joshua Burns  
Jack Candline  
Kristin Clark  
Esau Cornelio  
Madison Frazier  
Abigail Griffin  
Hayden Huddleston  
Malia Lewis  
Zoe Middleton  
Azusena De La Paz  
Ka'Nylah Walker  
John Balthrop  
Leandra Brown  
Breanna Harley  
Jayce Huerta  
Makayla Mikell  
Carmora Thomas  
Terence Williams

Hannah Brown  
Payton Grimoshek  
Talaishia Jackson  
Victoria Kennedy-Thorpe  
Serenity Mustipher  
Laura Sims  
Alia Wilson  
Eva Aguilar  
Modesty Benton De-Jesus  
Ella Cheeks  
Macy Cole  
Ashley Edwards  
Vendredi Godfrey  
Kenneth Harlin  
Madison Hymon  
Ghaidaa Lutfi  
Phaelan Pearson  
Sendaius Robinson  
Antoine Youmans  
Ja'Mya Bedgood  
Ny'Asia Butler  
Alanis Hernandez  
Rebekah James  
Cameron Straughter  
Joshua  
Raina Thomas  
Ben Wright

**Congratulation Science Bowl Team:** The OCS Science Bowl Team pictured below placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 14 teams at the annual Georgia Science Bowl on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Black History Month:** Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans.

**Wax Museum:** On Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade looping team recognized significant figures in African American History. This continues to be one of the most impressive events that we hold at Oglethorpe Charter School on many levels. We offer many opportunities for students to get involved at Oglethorpe. We had over 100 students participating in fall athletics this year. Our band, chorus, and orchestra have large numbers participating. Our leadership clubs are large in number and our academic and robotics clubs are another venue for students to get involved. With that being said, our Wax Museum night where 100% of an entire class of students display and present their work continues to be our most attended event at Oglethorpe Charter School. Not only did the entire class of 150 students do this, we had 100% attendance by their parents, and we had many grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and cousins in attendance. The Wax Museum is an authentic learning event that covers academic standards across the curriculum. Nicole Dillon spearheads this effort through her ELA class. She had some good help from her teaching team members (Beth Jones, Tracy Castillo, Darrius Jackson, Banecia Baker, Jennifer Williams, and Susan Carlile). Mrs.



Dillon would also like to offer special thanks to the following people Mrs. Heard, teachers and staff who attended the event, Mr. Rivers, Dr. Branch, Ms. Mrs. Luciano, Eric Allen, Ms. Cathy Vogel, Ms. Page, Raven Davis, Dr. Meyer, and Mr. Vogel.

**What is a Wax Museum:** The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students were given significant names in African American History to research and to also make a visual representation of their figure and all of their accomplishments. All 150 students then had to develop an oral presentation about their historical figure. The students were also asked to dress in character and be present from 5:00 – 7:00 for presentations. The students all did an academy award winning performance!!! The one thing that stood out in the event was that every adult had a perpetual smile on their face. Great job Students and Teachers! Thank you 6<sup>th</sup> grade looping parents for your support and attendance!

**Black History Assembly:** Please plan to attend the Black History Assembly that will be held in the OCY Gym on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:40 pm.

**Geography Bee:** The following students participated in the top 10 round of the annual Geography Bee on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>:

|               |                    |                  |
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| Hannah Brown  | Jack Candline      | Payton Gromoshak |
| Joseph Hicks  | Aujshawn Izzard    | Liam McDaniel    |
| Jackson Smith | Shradhdha Srikanth | Ayanna Williams  |
| Ben Wright    |                    |                  |

**Geography Bee Alternates:** The following students also performed at high levels in the Geography Bee:

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| Anthony Colman | Christopher Cruz-Bonilla | Amelia Keldie |
| Aeson Pence    | Jamir Stafford           |               |

**Geography Bee Winners:** The following students came out on top after the competition:

First place: Jack Smith  
Runner up: Shradhdha Srikanth  
Third Place: Liam McDaniel

Jack Smith will now take the qualifying test to determine if he will be in the top 50 students to represent the State of Georgia at the next level. **Congratulations Jack Smith!**

**Coca-Cola:** Our PTO will begin its annual Coca-Cola fundraiser Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, and it will run for two weeks. Order forms will be sent home with your student. Please support this effort, as the proceeds of this fundraiser will be spent directly on our students only.

**DEEP YOUNG AUTHOR PROJECT AT OCS**

Deep Center's mission is to empower Savannah's young people to thrive as learners, community leaders, and agents of change. Through creative writing, cultural production, and art, Deep creates platforms for the city's youth and the village of support around them, including their families and adult allies, to share stories, engage in debates, and make Savannah a more just and equitable place.

The following students participated in the Deep Young Author Project during the Fall 2019 Semester and are now published authors:

|                   |                  |               |
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| Ayanna Chance     | Hannah Dawson    | Anna Friedman |
| Mason Macmillan   | Maribel Monjaraz | Emily Price   |
| Livette Tatsinkou | Melissa Wiggins  |               |

Chloe Hall - Read at Deep Speaks, Finalist for Deep Laureate  
Pratha Patel - Read at Deep Speaks

Deep Speaks was held on February 16, 2020 at the Yamacraw Performing Arts Center where Pratha Patel and Chloe Hall read one of their writing pieces. Chloe Hall was also honored as a finalist for the Fall 2019 Deep Laureate. A copy of the book will be made available for viewing in the media center.

The Spring 2020 workshops for the Deep Young Author Project are underway. The following students are currently participating in the workshops:

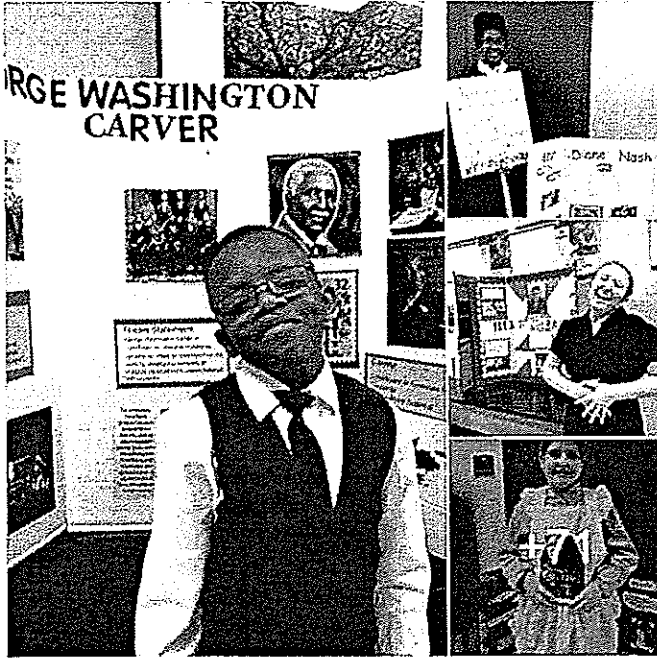
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| Shiloh Cintron | Kiana Griffin    | Parris Harmon |
| Sabrina Imus   | Amelia Keldie    | Saiiya King   |
| Bashiah McNutt | Maribel Monjaraz | Krisha Patel  |
| Zion Stokes    | Carmora Thomas   | Raina Thomas  |
| Alia Wilson    |                  |               |

Monica Roland the Deep Program Facilitator at Oglethorpe Charter School this year. She has some amazing young writers to work with.

**OCS Facebook:** The OCS Facebook page and website is maintained by Deborah Lindblad. The below has been one of more popular posts:

OCS Oglethorpe Charter School (Official)  
 Published by Debbie B. Lindblad · February 11 at 11:29 AM

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Kevin Wall

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Oglethorpe Charter School  
Governing Board Community Representative for 2020-2021

**BALLOT**

Please vote for seven community representatives

**Lisa Reavis**  
Seeking re-election

**Patrick Dean**  
Seeking re-election

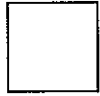
**Howard Hickey**  
Seeking re-election

**Dr. Mary Rebecca Wells**  
Seeking re-election

**Jonathan Brown**  
Seeking re-election

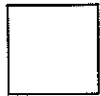
**Dawn Deppen**  
Seeking re-election

**Jon Cohen**  
Seeking re-election



**Amanda Eady**

Amanda Eady is employed as an Occupational Therapist Assistant, and would like to serve on the Governing Board.



**Mary-Halis Williams**

Mrs. Williams has a BS and MS from Clemson University in Civil Engineering. She has worked for both the US Army Corps of Engineers and Thomas & Hutton before resigning to raise her 4 children. She was an avid volunteer in her children's elementary school. She has kept her professional engineer license active. Mrs. Williams would like to serve on the OCS Governing Board.



**Stacey Hall**

Mrs. Hall is a veteran of the Army National Guard. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and currently a graduation student in Public Administration. She is also an Incident Manager at the State Hospital. Mrs. Hall is the mother of three, including a current 6<sup>th</sup> grader at OCS. Mrs. Hall is passionate about the well-being of children, and would like to make a positive impact on our students should she be given the opportunity to serve as a Community Rep. on the OCS Governing Board.