

***Barack Obama Green Charter Schools
Board of Trustees – General Meeting***

December 20, 2023
7:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

Call to order by Board Secretary and Roll Call:

Time: 7:06PM

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
Present	X		X		X	X	X
Absent							

Present Administrators

[Erin Murphy-Richardson](#)

[Joan Orimaco](#)

Jennifer Lippe

Open Public Meeting Act Statement

“This meeting is held in accordance with NJ Public Law 1975 c. 231, the Open Public Meetings Law, by publishing a legal notice in the NJ Advance Media-Legal Ads.”

Public Agency Compliance Statement:

“If any contracts were awarded this meeting or prior to the next meeting of The Barack Obama Green Charter Schools, the awarded company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c.127”

Public Comment Statement:

“The Board welcomes public comment on educational and school issues. All comments should be directed to the Board President. The Board will not entertain personal complaints from school personnel unless the chain of command has been followed, without satisfaction. Matters should only be brought to the Board of Trustees, once all avenues within the administrative chain of command of the school have been exhausted. Furthermore, the Board cannot respond to any complaints from the public directed at any district employee or student, as the Board must protect each employee and each student’s right to privacy.

Those wishing to share comments during this portion of the meeting are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be given five minutes, with a total of thirty minutes set asking for public participation in this portion of the meeting”.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd					X		
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from the 11/15/23 general meeting.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st					X		
2 nd							X
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

FINANCE

The following financial reports pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23, 1(a)3 that no line item account abs encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C 6A23-2.11(a) as certified by the Board Secretary, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-211(c)4 that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-02.11 (b) as contained in the Board Secretary's Report, and/or Treasurer's Report.

Motion for approval and ratification of expenditures for the month of December 2023 in the amount of \$ 259,172.09 and approval to pay additional bills as needed between this meeting and the next meeting with a list to be presented for ratification at the next meeting.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd					X		
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the payroll for November 30, 2023 in the amount of \$ 156,334.47 and December 15, 2023 in the amount of \$ 169,423.26.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st					X		
2 nd							X
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Board Secretary's report for November 2023.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd							X
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report for November 2023.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st					X		
2 nd	X						
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Bills List report for November 2023 in the amount of \$ 615,546.50.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd							X
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

PRESENTATION BY HEAD OF SCHOOL/HS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Report	December	November
Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Report	1	0
Suspension Report	3	6
Emergency Preparedness Drills	2	2
Student Enrollment	314	311

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the voluntary resignation of Nicholl Rogers as a Board of Trustee effective December 1, 2023.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd					X		
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Eastern DataComm proposal for our new School Paging system as presented.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd			X				
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance for Nov. 30, 2023.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st					X		
2 nd			X				
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve a bonus of \$500 each for full time employee and \$150 each for part time, per diem, hourly and new employee with start date on or after Dec. 1, 2023.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st							X
2 nd					X		
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTION

Motion to approve the contract between BOGCS and NJCTL learning platform for Middle School Science instruction as presented.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd							X
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Bridge Program agreement between Kean University and BOGCS as presented

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st							X
2 nd	X						
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Bridge Program agreement between Union County College and BOGCS as presented

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st					X		
2 nd			X				
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

School Field Trip(s)/Events

Date	Location	Grade	Event	Comments
06/24/24	Six Flags	12	2024 Grad Nite Date 8pm-1am	Social event for our class of 2024 graduates
02/08/24	NJPAC Newark, NJ	All grades	Chinese Dance At NJPAC	Trip Leader: Justin Darcy
01/18/24	Berkeley College Woodbridge, NJ Campus	11+12 grades	Berkeley College workshop and college prep	Students will attend workshops to help them prepare for College and learn more information about the programs that Berkeley College has to offer.

Motion to approve the field trip/ event (s) listed above.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd					X		
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Professional Development/Business Meeting/Tuition Reimbursement

Date	Staff	Workshop/Meeting/Class	Comments
1/25/24	Besly Fevrin Erin Richardson	NJASA presents: TECHSPO 2024	Educational technology conference and exhibition designed to help administrators and school leaders to prepare for today's complex technology challenges and advanced professional development
02/22/24	Yasmin Griffin Jennifer Lippe	UCASE Annual conference	Implementation of multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) when working special education and English language learners
05/21/24	Joan Orimaco Mayra Martinez	ESCNJ Vendor Expo	Annual Vendor Expo with Ethics & Green Purchasing Trainings

Motion to approve the professional developments/ meetings listed above.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st							X
2 nd			X				
Aye	X		X		X	X	X

Nay							
Abstain							

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve the re-hiring of Celeste McCall as a Physical Education Teacher with the rate as presented.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd							X
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the revision of J. Correa's employment agreement to Full Time Science Teacher effective Jan. 2024 with the rate as presented.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st					X		
2 nd	X						
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the resignations of the following teachers as presented:

* Sarah Lee, Math Teacher, last day on 02/08/2024

* John Laney, Social Studies Teacher, last day on 02/16/2024

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st					X		
2 nd							X
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve Nicole Souza to teach Math portfolio class with \$50/period rate not to exceed \$1050.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd			X				

Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board of Trustee email

EXECUTIVE SESSION
RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION
REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

TIME IN:
TIME OUT:

Community Forum

The opportunity for public comment on Agenda items only will be provided at every meeting where action items are scheduled for Board of Trustee consideration. A speaker will indicate the specific agenda item, by resolution number, that will be addressed and will have a total time limit of 5 minutes, remaining specific to the indicated resolution.

Failure to remain on the specific agenda item, as determined by the presiding officer, will result in the speaker forfeiting the balance of time and the right to continue to address the Board of Education.

A community forum will be a maximum of thirty (30) minutes in length unless there are unusual circumstances.

Public Comment:

Start Time:

End Time:

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 7:27 PM

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

	Gregory Hambric President	Vacant Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd							X
Aye	X		X		X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Certified by:


Joan Orimaco

Board Secretary