

GOAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 25th, 2025

Board Members Present: Ted Del Duca, Mark Maryak, Luis Contreras, CJ Renaud, Jrace Walker, Leaza Silver

Board Members Absent:

GOAL Staff Present: Dr. Jones, Jamie Trujillo, Jill Toussaint, Deb Morton, Kari Schafer, Mark DeHerrera, Michael DeHerrera, Karla Ash, Geri Sandoval, Alan Van Norman, Wendy Haut, Ron Vigil, Cara Wicks, Karlotta Artz, Justin Morenz, Lori Clark, Gunnison Pagnotta, Courtney Seder, Bryana Burns

Guests Present: Amber DeCarli, Aaron Reeves, Jayden Frye, Isabelle Bernal, Trinity Cox, Mordecai Valdez, Pierce Schulte, Valeria Ramos

Location: The Board met for a Regular Board Meeting at 304 S. Victoria Ave. Pueblo, CO 81003 and Microsoft Teams, beginning at 4:30 PM.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and the establishment of Quorum

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading of Mission and Vision Statements

4. Action: Approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda

- a. Move to approve the Regular Board Meeting as presented.
- b. Motion by Mark Maryak, second by Leaza Silver.
- c. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Luis Contreras, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- d. Nay:
- e. Absent:
- f. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

5. Good News

- a. GOAL Venture students who attended GOAL Day at the Capitol shared their ideas and experiences with the Board. Ted De Duca mentioned that they discussed various trips, with some students expressing interest in the performing arts and suggesting a trip to NYC to attend art shows. They also highlighted the support they receive from their teachers and academic coaches. Additionally, the students proposed ideas for marketing and social media to attract more kids to GOAL, as well as trips to the ocean or backpacking adventures. They also suggested adding more certifications for different career paths.
- b. Wendy Haut shared positive updates for the Northwest Region, emphasizing the commendable efforts of their student council. She noted that they have been working towards creating a unified student council, rather than having multiple councils operating independently.

6. Annual Report Presentation

- a. Alan Van Norman along with Justin Morenz and Gunny Pagnotta reviewed the Annual Report's highlights, focusing on the design and selection of pictures. They aimed to include more visuals and fewer words, emphasizing the concept of "show, don't tell." Their goal was to convey that data represents people. Justin mentioned that they incorporated the Forum logo and a Colorado theme into the report's design.

7. Board Training – No Training

8. Officer Reports

- a. CAO Jill Toussaint presented the academic report.
- b. CFO Deb Morton presented the January 2025 financials.
- c. CEO Dr. Jones expressed her gratitude to everyone who attended GOAL Day at the Capitol, with special thanks to Karlotta Artzt and Alex Bajorek for their exceptional planning and oversight of the trip. She also extended her appreciation to Representative Johnson and Senator Lundeen for their wonderful and gracious interactions with the students. Additionally, Dr. Jones acknowledged lobbyist Elizabeth Lo for her role in organizing the trip.

9. Board Member Report - Ted Del Duca reported on attending GOAL Day at the Capitol.

10. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Action (Consent): Approval of Consent Agenda Items
- b. Move to approve Consent Agenda items as presented. Approve Minutes of the January 28th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and GOAL Financials
- c. Motion by Luis Contreras, second by Mark Maryak.
- d. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, Luis Contreras, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- e. Nay:
- f. Absent: CJ Renaud
- g. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

11. Action Items

- a. **Action item A: Approval of the 25/26 School Calendar**
- b. Move to approve 25/26 School Calendar
- c. Motion by Luis Contreras, second by Mark Maryak
- d. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, Luis Contreras, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- e. Nay:
- f. Absent: CJ Renaud
- g. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- h. **Action Item B: Approval of updates to Policy J-10 Administering Medication to Students**
 - i. GOAL High School Nurse Lori Clark explained that the changes to Policy J-10 would allow students to keep their medication on them while at GOAL sites, rather than needing to go to a staff member to retrieve it. Ted Del Duca inquired whether the policy changes had been reviewed by attorneys. Lori and Dr. Jones responded that they had not, but they felt confident in the changes since the wording aligns with other school districts' policies. Ted Del Duca then asked if legal review was necessary. Legal counsel Amber DeCarli mentioned that she reviewed and assisted in writing the policy in 2023.
- i. Move to approve updates to Policy J-10
- j. Motion by Mark Maryak, second by Jrace Walker
- k. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, Luis Contreras, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- l. Nay:

- m. Absent: CJ Renaud
- n. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

12. Informational

13. **Public Comment** Mordecai Valdez spoke to the Board. He was allowed the full 3-minute time period as well as an additional 1 minute 20 seconds to speak. Ted Del Duca responded that someone would follow-up with Mr. Valdez.

14. **Announcements:** The Next Board Meeting is Scheduled Tuesday, March 25th, 2025, at 304 S. Victoria Ave and Microsoft Teams, Pueblo, Colorado, Beginning at 4:30 PM

15. Executive Session

- a. Executive session pursuant to: §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.), conference with the public entity's attorney(s) specifically to receive legal advice related to CEO hiring processes under Colorado law, and litigation and §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters; specifically to conduct interviews of CEO candidates.
- b. Executive Session began at 5:37 PM.
- c. Move to approve the Executive Session as presented.
- d. Motion by Luis Contreras, second by Mark Maryak
- e. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- f. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, Luis Contreras, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- g. Nay:
- h. Absent: Cj Renaud
- i. Action: Adjourn the Executive Session
- j. Move to adjourn the executive session.
- k. Motion by Jrace Walker, second by Mark Maryak.
- l. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- m. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Luis Contreras, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- n. Nay:
- o. Absent:
- p. The Board Adjourned the Executive Session at 9:48 PM.

16. Action Item

- a. **Vote on CEO Candidate Finalists**
- b. Move to approve the two finalists Jill Toussaint and Kym LeBlanc-Esparza for CEO Position
- c. Motion by Ted Del Duca, second by Luis Contreras
- d. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, Luis Contreras, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca, CJ Renaud
- e. Nay:
- f. Absent:
- g. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

17. Adjourn the Meeting

- a. Board President Ted Del Duca motioned to Adjourned the meeting via executive privilege.

b. The Board Adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 9:50 PM.

Date Approved: 02/28/2025

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Secretary







02.25.2025 Board Meeting Minutes

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