

GOAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 27th, 2025

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

Board Members Absent: Luis Contreras

GOAL Staff Present: Jill Toussaint, Dr. Constance Jones, Jamie Trujillo, Ron Vigil, Karla Ash, Geri Sandoval, Kari Schafer, Cameron McLaughlin, Mark DeHerrera, Julie McWilson, Deb Morton, Mike McWilson, Aryn Henneke

Guests Present: Amber DeCarli – Legal Counsel

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 Jrace Walker, second by CJ Renaud.
 - c. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
 - d. Nay:
 - e. Absent: Luis Contreras
 - f. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- 5. Good News**
 - a. Cameron McLaughlin, Principal of the Northeast Region, shared a story about a student who had stopped attending school due to personal challenges but was eventually able to reconnect and feel truly seen and supported. Jrace Walker remarked on how moving the story was, and Leaza Silver expressed her gratitude to Cameron for sharing such a heartfelt moment.
- 6. Strategic Plan Update**
 - a. Julie McWilson, Director of Applied and Advanced Learning, provided an update on the new Innovation and Trades Program. This hands-on skilled trades initiative will be led by GOAL teacher Mike McWilson and delivered through a mobile, traveling format. The program focuses on construction trades and offers students real-world experience. During the discussion, Mark Maryak inquired about one of the tools being used—a CNC router, which operates by inputting coordinates to produce precise outputs. Ted Del Duca shared that he took construction classes in high school and expressed enthusiasm for the program. Jrace Walker appreciated the team's problem-solving efforts in bringing the program to life. CJ Renaud asked about anticipated student enrollment in the program, to which Julie responded that the program would start small, with 30–50 students in its first year, but is expected to expand statewide with additional trailers and instructors. CJ also asked if the goal of the program is to earn an OSHA certification, and Julie confirmed that it is. CJ emphasized the importance of post-program outcomes, particularly whether students will transition into the workforce, and generously offered her support to help the program succeed.
- 7. Board Training – No Board training**

8. Officer Reports

- a. CAO Jill Toussaint shared the latest Academic Report for Quarter 4. GOAL expects to see between 1,650 and 1,700 graduates by the end of summer school. The Show Up Rate reached 97%, the Connect Rate was 61.2%, and the Passer Rate stood at 56.4%. Additionally, 1,788 WorkKeys Certificates have been awarded this year.
- b. CFO Deb Morton reported on the April Financials.
- c. CEO Dr. Jones shared updates on graduation and enrollment. Graduation numbers are still projected to show a strong increase compared to last year. As for next year's enrollment, 2,744 students have already completed registration paperwork, with 2,173 of them returning students. Overall, enrollment trends are aligning closely with last year's figures.

9. Board Member Report - No report

10. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda Items
- b. Move to approve Consent Agenda items as presented. Approve Minutes of the April 22nd, 2025, Regular Board Meeting and approve GOAL Financials
- c. Motion by Mark Maryak, second by CJ Renaud.
- d. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- e. Nay:
- f. Absent: Luis Contreras
- g. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

11. Action Items

- a. **Action: Approval of Resolution 2025-05-27-A**
 - i. CFO Deb Morton presented the final budget figures. For the 2025–26 school year, the estimated amount of per pupil funding from District 49 is \$11,185 per pupil, reflecting a \$203 increase from the previous year. Ted Del Duca requested clarification regarding the fund balance and budget resolutions. Deb explained that the use of prior year's fund balance must be approved before the school budget can be adopted.
- b. Move to approve Resolution Authorizing the use of a portion of beginning fund balance as authorized by Colorado Statutes.
- c. Motion by Mark Maryak, second by Leaza Silver.
- d. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- e. Nay:
- f. Absent: Luis Contreras
- g. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- h. **Action: Approval of Resolution 2025-05-27-B**
 - i. Move to approve the 2025-2026 SY Budget
 - j. Motion by Mark Maryak, second by Jrace Walker.
 - k. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
 - l. Nay:
 - m. Absent: Luis Contreras

- n. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- o. Action: Approval of Resolution 2025-05-27-C**
- p. Move to approve Budget Transfer Resolution.
- q. Motion by Jrace Walker, second by Leaza Silver.
- r. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- s. Nay:
- t. Absent: Luis Contreras
- u. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

12. Informational

- a. CAO Jill Toussaint provided an overview of the updates to Board Policy J-7 regarding graduation requirements. In alignment with House Bill 25-1192, students will now be required to complete a financial literacy course in order to graduate. While GOAL currently offers a financial literacy course, it has not previously been a graduation requirement. Beginning with the Class of 2029, this new requirement will be incorporated under the Social Studies credit category.

13. Public Comment

- 14. **Announcements:** The Next Board Meeting is Scheduled Tuesday, June 17th, 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 litigation mitigation.
- b. Move to approve the Executive Session as amended and enter into Executive Session.
- c. Motion by Jrace Walker, second by CJ Renaud
- d. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- e. Nay:
- f. Absent: Luis Contreras
- g. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- h. Executive Session began at 5:35 PM.
- i. Action: Adjourn the Executive Session
- j. Move to adjourn the executive session.
- k. Motion by Leaza Silver, second by Jrace Walker.
- l. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- m. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- n. Nay:
- o. Absent: Luis Contreras
- p. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:10 PM.

16. Adjourn the Meeting

- a. Board President Ted Del Duca motioned to adjourn the meeting via executive privilege.
- b. The Board Adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 6:13 PM.

Date Approved: 052925

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Secretary