



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2024
Hybrid: Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center/Zoom

Board Members in Attendance

Dr. Sarah Baray, Chair
Lea Ream, 1st Vice Chair
Sara Brouillard, 2nd Vice Chair
Gwendolyn Jaramillo, Secretary
Amy Grubbs, Treasurer
Rebecca Brune
Luis de la Garza
Dr. Gretcha Flinn
Monica Gonzalez
Lori Johnson Leal
Michelle Martinez
Makayla Matheson
Amy Perry
Erika Prosper
Maritza Rodriguez
Amy Shaw
Claudia Smithwick
Annie Uribe Turner
Angie Salinas, CEO, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent.

Excused
Kim Ford
Carrie Gray
Teri Grubb
Anthony Medina
Dr. Sandi Wolff

Ex Officio Girl Board Absent

Audrie Quesnot Torres

Ex Officio Girl Board in Attendance

Erin Bean, Girl Board Chair
Morgan Stone, Girl Board Vice Chair
Mona Ceguera
Ashley Dudzikowski
Nicolette Duque
Aliana Flores
Anushka Jain
Ayesha Obhrai
Josephine Schultz
Rachel Sherman
Ria Vazir

Staff & Guests in Attendance

Gina Abad, CMO
Stephanie Finleon Cortez, CDCO
Blythe Simonson, CFO
Ed Scott, IT Manager
Leticia Martinez, EA
Ellen Denk, Studio Outside

Call to Order: Dr. Baray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. The meeting was held as a hybrid of both in-person and virtual participants.

Ms. Jaramillo, Secretary, conducted roll call and confirmed quorum. There were no motions to amend the agenda.

Ms. Bean, Girl Board Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Girl Scout Promise. Girl Board members shared their end of year Mission Moments throughout the meeting.

The following items were presented for approval in the Consent Agenda:

- January 17, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Ms. Prosper moved to approve. It was seconded by Ms. Turner and the motion carried.

Chair Update Dr. Baray, Chair, provided opening remarks and expressed appreciation to the Board members, Girl Board, CEO and staff for their contributions and support over the past year.

For the record, she stated the results of the Action by Written Consent that occurred:

On January 25, 2024, the Board of Directors voted via Action by Written Consent to approve the motion to accept the 2022 tax Form 990 as submitted by the GSSWT Audit Committee Chair.

Attract and Retain a More Diverse Volunteer Base

Ms. Smithwick, BDC Chair, provided an introduction for the two new proposed members (Dr. Cindy Johnston, Dr. Atikah Shemshack) included on the proposed slate of Board of Directors-Members at Large for 2024-2026.

- Ms. Smithwick presented and moved to elect the proposed slate of Board of Directors Members at Large 2024-2026 as presented by the Board Development Committee. It was seconded by Ms. Ream and the motion carried.
- Ms. Smithwick presented then moved to elect the proposed Board Development Committee members for 2024-2026. It was seconded by Ms. Ream and the motion carried.

She announced new 2024-2025 Girl Board Chair Rachel Sherman, and Vice Chair Aliana Flores.

Recognition

Dr. Baray, Chair, and Ms. Ream, 1st Vice Chair, recognized outgoing members for their service:

- Ex Officio Girl Board members 2023-2024
- Outgoing members of the Board Development Committee: Maritza Rodriguez
- Dr. Baray recognized Annie Uribe Turner, Chair, for her service. Ms. Turner will continue to serve as Member at Large in next term.

Attract and Retain a More Diverse Volunteer Base - continued

Ms. Brune, VAT Liaison, provided an update on Volunteer Advisory Team.

Increase and Diversify Funding

Ms. Grubbs, Treasurer, delivered the financial report ending December 2023. Ms. Simonson, CFO, shared the Investment Sub-Committee report ending December 2023.

Ms. Brouillard, 2nd Vice Chair, gave the Fund Development Report.

Provide Engaging Programs for Girls

Ms. Finleon Cortez (*), CDCO, delivered the Long Range Property report. She also yielded time to Ellen Denk, Studio Outside, for a Backyard update.

CEO Update

Ms. Salinas, CEO, presented the FY2023 GSSWT Annual Report.

Ms. Finleon Cortez, CDCO, provided an update on Centennial planning.

Ms. Salinas, CEO, provided an update on Council activities. She also yielded a portion of her time to Victoria Rivera, GSSWT Top Cookie Seller 2023, to reflect on her cookie season experience.

Ms. Bean, Girl Board Chair, provided a final update on Girl Board 2023-2024 activities.

New Business and Executive Session

Dr. Baray, Chair, announced that Ms. Turner, Board member, was recognized by the Governor of Texas office with the Yellow Rose of Texas certificate in recognition of her service to GSSWT.

There was no executive session.

Announcements & Adjourn:

Next meeting: May 4, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at SCGSLC. Meeting adjourned 12:06 p.m.