



**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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Sara Brouillard, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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

**Ex Officio Girl Board Absent**

Audrie Quesnot Torres

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.