

## **NOMINATIONS**

# **COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS**

## **Subcommittee on Nominations**

**2025-2026**

Goal: To ratify slate of Officers, to nominate an individual for Secretary/Treasurer, to renew or replace incumbents whose terms on the Executive Committee are expiring and to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee.

### ***Chair***

Kelly Gonez, Los Angeles School Board

### ***Members***

Margo Bellamy, Anchorage School Board  
Kimberly Martorano, Des Moines School Board  
Warren Morgan, Cleveland CEO  
Michael O'Neill, Boston School Committee  
Tony Watlington, Philadelphia Superintendent  
Stacy Woolley, Tulsa School Board

# **COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS**

## **Nominations**

The Chair of the Board forwards the following nominations to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee of the Council of the Great City Schools.

### **Officers FY 2025-26**

- 1) Be it resolved: That Sonja Santelises (Baltimore CEO) serve as Chair of the Board beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

#### **ACTION BY COMMITTEE**

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Not Approved

#### **AFFIRMED**

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Chair of the Board

- 2) Be it resolved: That Valerie Davis (Fresno School Board) serve as Chair-Elect of the Board beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

#### **ACTION BY COMMITTEE**

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Not Approved

#### **AFFIRMED**

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Chair of the Board

- 3) Be it resolved: That Jill Baker (Long Beach Superintendent) serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

#### **ACTION BY COMMITTEE**

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Not Approved

#### **AFFIRMED**

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Chair of the Board

- 4) Be it resolved: That Marcia Andrews (Palm Beach County School Board) serve as Immediate Past Chair of the Board beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

**ACTION BY COMMITTEE**

- ☐ Approved  
☐ Not Approved

**AFFIRMED**

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Chair of the Board

**Vacancies**

- 1) Be it resolved: That Sara Elaquad (Cleveland School Board) serve the unexpired term of Rodney Jordan (Norfolk School Board), whose term was set to expire June 30, 2026.

**ACTION BY COMMITTEE**

- ☐ Approved  
☐ Not Approved

**AFFIRMED**

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Chair of the Board

- 2) Be it resolved: That Deanna Kaplan (Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board) serve the unexpired term of Jenny Lam (San Francisco School Board), whose term was set to expire June 30, 2026.

**ACTION BY COMMITTEE**

- ☐ Approved  
☐ Not Approved

**AFFIRMED**

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Chair of the Board

- 3) Be it resolved: That Joe Gothard (Madison Superintendent) serve the unexpired term of Martin Pollio (Jefferson County Superintendent) whose term was set to expire June 30, 2027.

**ACTION BY COMMITTEE**

- ☐ Approved

( ) Not Approved

AFFIRMED

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Chair of the Board

- 4) Be it resolved: That Matias Segura (Austin Superintendent) serve the unexpired term of Jill Baker (Long Beach School Board), whose term was set to expire June 30, 2026.

ACTION BY COMMITTEE

( ) Approved

( ) Not Approved

AFFIRMED

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Chair of the Board

### **Renewal of Terms**

- 1) Be it resolved: That Lewis Ferebee (DCPS Chancellor) serve a second three-year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

ACTION BY COMMITTEE

( ) Approved

( ) Not Approved

AFFIRMED

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Chair of the Board

- 2) Be it resolved: That Alex Marrero (Denver Superintendent) serve a first three-year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

ACTION BY COMMITTEE

( ) Approved

( ) Not Approved

AFFIRMED

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Chair of the Board

- 3) Be it resolved: That Mary Skipper (Boston Superintendent) serve a first three-year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

ACTION BY COMMITTEE

☐ Approved

☐ Not Approved

AFFIRMED

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Chair of the Board

- 4) Be it resolved: That Darryl Willie (Duval County School Board Member) serve a first three-year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

ACTION BY COMMITTEE

☐ Approved

☐ Not Approved

AFFIRMED

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Chair of the Board

- 5) Be it resolved: That Stacey Woolley (Tulsa School Board Member) serve a first three-year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

ACTION BY COMMITTEE

☐ Approved

☐ Not Approved

AFFIRMED

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Chair of the Board

- 6) Be it resolved: That Joyce Wilkerson (Philadelphia School Board Member) serve a second three-year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

ACTION BY COMMITTEE

☐ Approved

☐ Not Approved

AFFIRMED

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Chair of the Board

## Composition of Executive Committee March 2025\*

| <b>Region</b> | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>Board</b> | <b>Supt</b> | <b>Black</b> | <b>Hispanic</b> | <b>White</b> | <b>AAPI/<br/>Other</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| East          | 3           | 2             | 2            | 3           | 3            | 1               | 1            |                        | 5             |
| Southeast     | 2           | 2             | 2            | 2           | 3            |                 | 1            |                        | 4             |
| Midwest       | 2           | 5             | 3            | 4           | 2            | 4               |              | 1                      | 7             |
| West          |             | 6             | 4            | 2           | 2            | 1               | 2            | 1                      | 6             |
| Totals        | 7           | 15            | 11           | 11          | 10           | 6               | 4            | 2                      | 22            |

\*does not reflect newly nominated members

## **APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHAIR, 2024-25**

### **SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS**

Audit Subcommittee Chair: Valerie Davis, Fresno School Board  
Alex Marrero, Denver Superintendent  
Mary Skipper, Boston Superintendent

Bylaws Subcommittee Chair: Stephanie Elizalde, Dallas Superintendent  
~~Rodney Jordan, Norfolk School Board~~  
Stacey Woolley, Tulsa School Board

Membership Subcommittee Chair: Shavonna Holman, Omaha School Board  
Roger Leon, Newark Superintendent  
Joyce Wilkerson, Philadelphia School Board

Ex Officio on Subcommittees: Marcia Andrews, Palm Beach County School Board

### **Task Forces**

Achievement and Professional Development Task Force  
Chair: Jill Baker, Long Beach Superintendent  
Sabrina Bazzo, San Diego School Board  
Martin Pollio, Jefferson County Superintendent  
Sonja Santelises, Baltimore CEO  
Deborah Shanley, Brooklyn College

Bilingual Task Force  
Chair: Jerry Almendarez, Santa Ana Superintendent  
Lewis Ferebee, Washington D.C. Chancellor  
~~Jenny Lam, San Francisco School Board~~  
Christina Martinez, San Antonio School Board  
Stacey Woolley, Tulsa School Board

Leadership, Governance, Management, and Finance Task Force  
Chair: Joyce Wilkerson, Philadelphia School Board  
Brandon Craig, Cincinnati School Board  
Valerie Davis, Fresno School Board  
Roger Leon, Newark Superintendent  
Mary Skipper, Boston Superintendent



Task Force on Black and Latino Young Men and Boys

Chair: Alex Marrero, Denver Superintendent

Kyla Johnson-Trammel, Oakland Superintendent

Rodney Jordan, Norfolk School Board

Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board

Margo Bellamy, Anchorage School Board

Task Force on Black and Latina Young Women and Girls

Chair: Sharon Contreras, North Carolina Central University

Stephanie Elizalde, Dallas Superintendent

Kelly Gonez, Los Angeles School Board

Shavonna Holman, Omaha School Board

Aleesia Johnson, Indianapolis Superintendent