

COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NEWARK, NJ**

JULY 18-19, 2025

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Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

July 18-19, 2025

July 18	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONVENES	
2:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions	
	Opening of Executive Committee meeting and introductions.	
	<i>Sonja Santelises, Chair of the Board</i>	
	Nominations and Appointments	
	The Chair's appointments to subcommittees and task forces.	
	<i>Sonja Santelises, Chair of the Board</i> <i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Minutes	
	Consideration of minutes from the March 2025 meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.	Vote
	<i>Sonja Santelises, Chair of the Board</i>	
	Membership Subcommittee Report	
	Report of the Membership Subcommittee.	
	<i>Shavonna Holman, Membership Subcommittee Chair</i> <i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	By-Laws Subcommittee Report	
	Report of the By-Laws Subcommittee.	

	<i>Stephanie Elizalde, By-Laws Subcommittee Chair</i> <i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Audit Subcommittee Report	
	Status report on the 2024-25 budget and the budget for 2025-26.	Vote
	<i>Jill Baker, Audit Subcommittee Chair</i> <i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Conferences and Meetings	
	Executive Committee, job-alike meetings, and major conferences in 2025 and beyond.	Vote
	<i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Awards Programs	
	Overview of Council awards programs.	
	<i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
5:00 pm	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BREAKS	
6:00 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION AND DINNER <i>Fornos of Spain Restaurant</i> <i>47 Ferry Street</i> <i>Newark, NJ 07105</i>	

July 19	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECONVENES	
8:00 am	Legislation	
	Overview of the Council’s federal legislative action and discussion of ongoing issues.	
	<i>Ray Hart, Executive Director Manish Naik, Director of Legislation Mary Lawson, General Counsel</i>	
	Communications	
	Overview of the Council’s communications work.	
	<i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Research	
	Overview of the Council’s data analysis and research.	
	<i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Task Force on Achievement and Professional Development	
	Overview and discussion of the Council’s work to improve professional development and student achievement.	
	<i>Joe Gothard, Task Force Chair Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Task Force on Bilingual Education	
	Overview and discussion of the Council’s work to improve academic opportunities for English learners.	
	<i>Christina Martinez, Task Force Chair Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Task Force on Black and Latino Young Men and Boys	

	Overview and discussion of the Council's work to improve outcomes for urban males of color.	
	<i>Alex Marrero, Task Force Chair</i> <i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Task Force on Black and Latina Young Women and Girls	
	Overview and discussion of the Council's work to improve outcomes for urban females of color.	
	<i>Sharon Contreras, Task Force Chair</i> <i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Task Force on Leadership, Governance, Management, and Finance	
	Overview and discussion of the Council's work on leadership, governance, management, and finance.	
	<i>Joyce Wilkerson, Task Force Chair</i> <i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Strategic Plan	
	Discussion of Strategic Plan.	
	<i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
	Personnel	
	Executive session on personnel issues.	
	<i>Ray Hart, Executive Director</i>	
4:00 pm	Executive Committee Adjourns	
6:00 pm	Dinner <i>Swahili Village</i> <i>2 Center Street</i> <i>Newark, NJ 07102</i>	