



**Bolton Academy
Local School Governing Team
Confirmation Meeting**

**March 29, 2016
5:00 p.m.
Conference Room**

I. Call to order

- The meeting was called to order by principal, Laura Strickling at 5:07 PM.

II. Welcome, Introductions, Recognition of Visitors

Ms. Strickling welcomed the team and thanked everyone for their willingness to serve and make a difference at Bolton Academy. After the introduction of team members, visitors were recognized. Below is a list of those in attendance at the meeting:

- Laura Strickling, Principal
- Dr. Daphne Coleman, Instructional Staff
- Nicolas Kemp, Instructional Staff
- Sandy White, Instructional Staff
- Leslie Stevens, Parent
- Natalie Jones, Parent
- John Ramseur, Parent
- Marcus Bivins – HR Communications Specialist, District level support
 - During his introduction Mr. Bivins shared with the team the expectations of the Go Team.
 - Adhere to Robert Rules of Order
 - Only Team members can vote.
 - Welcome contributions of all members
 - Norms for governing the team
 - Members must attend a mandatory Go Team training
- Royce Love-Diagne, Assistant Principal - Visitor

III. Declaration of Interim Secretary

Ms. Strickling explained that elections for positions will take place at the next meeting, and therefore it was necessary that she appoint an interim secretary to capture the minutes at today's meeting. Daphne Coleman was declared the interim secretary.

IV. Review of Vacant Seat Appointments

Ms. Strickling reviewed the vacant seat appointments. Ms. Stevens asked for clarification of the process. Ms. Strickling explained that the principal is to appoint a two and three year community member to the team, and the team is to confirm or deny the recommendations brought forth by the principal. The other elected team members can nominate a person from the staff, business community, or parent base to fill the swing seat.

V. Nominations and Voting for Vacant Seats

Ms. Strickling recommended the following candidates for the vacant seats:

- Lindsey Walker Hillis, Esq. – 2 year community member seat
- Heather Shankwiler – 3 year community member seat

The interim secretary read the profile sheets for both nominees. Ms. Strickling provided a rationale for their nominations being their skills and expertise, as well as their length of personal commitment to Bolton Academy. Both nominations brought forth by the principal were confirmed with unanimous decisions – six votes each.

The nominations brought forth by the team members for the swing seat were:

- Margo Yoder – nominated by Sandy White
- Ashley Rivera – nominated by Laura Stickling

The profile sheets were read on each candidate. The team members provided rationales for their nomination, positive personal interactions, and words of support for each candidate.

- The first vote ended in a tie with Coleman, Kemp, and Ramseur voting for Rivera and Jones, Stevens, and White voting for Yoder.
- Mr. Bivins provided guidance on breaking a tie decision and discussed voting options such as paper ballots if necessary. He suggested we engage in a more in depth conversation regarding the candidates and how each could specifically benefit and impact the Go Team and Bolton Academy. After the discussion, a second vote was conducted.
 - Rivera - Five votes – Coleman, Jones, Kemp, Ramseur, and Stevens
 - Yoder – One vote - White
- After acknowledging that both candidates are strong and would be an asset to the team, Ms. Strickling recognized the decision of the team and stated that Ms. Rivera will be joining the team.

VI. Adjournment

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Ms. Strickling informed the team that we are to attend a mandatory training, and will need to contact Noletha High at 404-802-2885 or Noletha.High@atlantapublicschools.us for questions or to sign up for the mandatory training.

After concluding all business on the agenda, it was moved and properly seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.



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**Attendance Sheet
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Name	Position	Signature
Natalie Jones	Parent	
John Ramseur	Parent	
Leslie Stevens	Parent	
Daphne Coleman	Teacher	
Nicolas Kemp	Teacher	
Sandy White	Teacher	
Laura Strickling	Principal	
	Swing Seat	
	Community Member	
	Community Member	
Royce Love-Diagne	Assistant Principal (Visitor)	
Marcus Bivines	Central Office Support (Visitor)	