

**GOODWILL EDUCATES, INC., OPERATING
THE EXCEL CENTER® EVANSVILLE SOUTHEAST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 9, 2025**

The Board of Directors of The Excel Center® Evansville Southeast met on December 9, 2025 in the Boardroom of Goodwill Corporate Headquarters at 5001 Washington Avenue, Evansville, IN.

Board members present: Cheryl Kuchna (Chair), Lori Madison, Jared McIntosh, Carlada Patterson (Vice Chair), Connie Ralph (President), Amanda Simmons (Treasurer), Michael West (Secretary)

Staff Present: Kim Bassett, David Blaize, Morgan Lange, Tristan Macon, Brandy Smith

Cheryl Kuchna called the meeting to order at 12:56 p.m. Roll call was taken. All members were physically present.

There was no public comment.

The minutes of the October 16, 2025 Board meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Carlada Paterson, seconded by Jared McIntosh, the minutes were approved as written. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted affirmatively to approve the meeting minutes.

Cheryl Kuchna directed attention to the Code of Ethics and Accountability SOP and Conflict of Interest SOP, which were included in the Board meeting packet and are acknowledged annually. The Board members signed acknowledgments of receipt, which will be filed.

Amanda Simmons presented the treasurer's report for October 2025. Total YTD revenue through October was \$918,859 with total YTD expenses of \$806,129 for a net operating income of \$112,690. Accounts Payable Voucher Registers for July, September, and October were reviewed. On a motion by Jared McIntosh, seconded by Carlada Paterson, the treasurer's report was approved. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted unanimously to approve the treasurer's report. The report will be filed for audit.

Next, Tristan Macon reviewed the Accountability Indicator Scorecard. Six out of seven metrics met or exceeded the target. The debt service coverage ratio metric was .36, compared to the ICSB target of 1.20.

Amanda Simmons reviewed the findings of the Audit Report and 990 prepared by Kemper CPA Group. The auditors reported two findings. In the case of the separation of an employee who received severance pay, the auditors stated that Goodwill Educates, Inc. (GEI) should have had a written opinion to meet ICSB guidelines. In the other finding, the auditors stated that GEI can only request reimbursement for a payout by Goodwill Educates, Inc. (GEI), not Evansville

Goodwill Industries (EGI). GEI staff have created an action plan which includes reimbursing all in-kind expenses to EGI and providing training for staff.

David Blaize presented the director's report. Term 2 enrollment is currently 215, compared to the goal of 220. Thirty-eight students will graduate on December 12th including the first academic honors graduate. Commencement will be held at Old National Events Plaza. In the Mission Moment, David shared the success of a student who has overcome several barriers and is graduating Friday.

The Board reviewed a new SOP for Student Certification Equipment. After discussion, on a motion by Carlada Paterson, seconded by Jared McIntosh, the SOP was approved. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted unanimously to approve the SOP.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m. The 2025 Annual Meeting follows immediately. The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is February 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at Goodwill Corporate Headquarters with a Microsoft Teams option.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. West
Secretary