

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. and Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.
 Board Meeting: August 12, 2020

School(s):

Renaissance Charter School at Wellington
 Renaissance Charter School at Pines
 Renaissance Charter at University
 Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science School
 Renaissance Charter School at Plantation Palms West Charter School
 Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach
 Renaissance Elementary Charter School
 Keys Gate Charter High School
 Duval Charter Scholars Academy
 Duval Charter High at Bay Meadows
 Duval Charter School at Bay Meadows
 Duval Charter School at Coastal

Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm
 Governors Charter Academy
 Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek
 Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science Middle School

Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana
 Renaissance Charter School at Summit
 Renaissance Middle Charter School

Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie
 Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs
 Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City
 Renaissance Charter School at Hunters Creek
 Renaissance Charter School at Crown Point
 Renaissance Charter School at Cypress
 Renaissance Charter at Chickasaw Trail
 Renaissance Charter School at Tradition
 Four Corners Upper School
 Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod
 Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry

Duval Charter at Mandarin
 Duval Charter at Southside
 Duval Charter at Westside
 North Broward Academy of Excellence
 North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School
 Duval Charter School at Flagler Center

Bonita Springs Charter School
 Collier Charter Academy
 Gateway Intermediate Charter School
 Manatee Charter School

Cape Coral Charter School
 Gateway Charter School
 Gateway Charter High School
 Six Mile Charter Academy

The minutes of Sunshine Law meetings need not be verbatim transcripts of the meeting. These minutes are a brief summary of the events of the meeting.

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
August 12, 2020	10:05am	11:50pm	September 10, 2020	TBD	R. Weaver
Meeting Location:					
Telephonic/Virtual Meeting pursuant to Governor DeSantis Executive Order 20-69 dated March 20, 2020					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Ken Haiko, Chairman Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman Billie Miller, Director John O'Brien, Director Paul Sallarulo, Director			Other Attendees: Levi Williams, Board Attorney Jon Hage, CEO CSUSA Ed Pozzouli, General Counsel, CSUSA Dr. David Christiansen, Chief of Schools, CSUSA Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Florida Director Nate Mariano, Area Deputy Director		

Pat Smith, Director Tom Wheeler, Treasurer Absent: none	Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area Director Rita Weaver, Board Governance Manager, CSUSA Patrick Galatowitsch, Area Director Jodi Evans, Area Director Lane Morris, Area Director
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CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:38 am with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were no Public Comments

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the June 26, 2020 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of the June 26, 2020 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes. Mr. Wheeler noted he was absent for both meetings.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Meeting Minutes from the June 26, 2020 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board meeting, as edited. Motion was approved unanimously. (7-0)

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by John O'Brien to approve the Meeting Minutes from the June 26, 2020 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board meeting, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. CSUSA REPORTS

Mobile Learning Plan

- Jon Hage thanked the board for their service. Mr. Hage said that CSUSA is looking to thrive, not just survive during the COVID19 Pandemic and discussed with the board ways that CSUSA intends to do that, which includes the three-model plan submitted to DOE on the Boards' behalf. Also discussed was some of the positive media coverage that CSUSA and the schools have been receiving regarding the OWL Technology and the three models to bring back students. The DOE has given CSUSA positive feedback on the three plans, the protocols put into place and how CSUSA is putting student first and protecting staff. Each county will open differently based on health data, parent and teacher feedback. Mr. Haiko said that the board is happy with the coverage received and glad that the schools will be able to accommodate all students and staff.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board endorsing the CSUSA Tech Models, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by John O'Brien of the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board endorsing the CSUSA Tech Models, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- Rita Weaver reminded the board of their previous approval of the Re-Opening Policy and Plan previously submitted to the DOE, per the Boards' direction, and included in the packet. Each plan has been approved by each district of both Boards.
- Jon Hage discussed the HR policies and accommodations being made available to staff and HR policies that are consistent with CDC Guidelines.
- Mr. Hage, Dr. David Christiansen, and Dr. Eddie Ruiz answered all questions as it pertains to security, the technology, and safety at the schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith that the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board moves that the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. schools located in Miami Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties shall open consistent with the recommendation from CSUSA, meaning that those schools shall initially only offer a remote option. We hereby direct CSUSA to work with the Chairman and authorize Chairman, in coordination with CSUSA to offer in-person live instruction options 1 & 2 of the plan, as soon as possible given relevant health data and parent teacher input with no further action required of this board. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

2020-21 School Calendars

- The board moved Old Business ahead of Financials on the agenda. Mrs. Weaver pointed out that Miami Dade was listed incorrectly on the agenda. The board noted this and added the following:
- The board reviewed the updated 2020-21 calendars as follows:
 - Collier Charter Academy start date moved to August 24, 2020
 - Lee County Schools start date moved to August 24, 2020

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by John O'Brien of Southwest Charter Foundation to approve the 2020-21 School calendar for Collier and Lee Counties, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- The board reviewed the updated 2020-21 calendars as follows:
 - Palm Beach County Schools start date moved to August 24, 2020
 - Orange County Schools start date moved to August 21, 2020

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by John O'Brien of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. to approve the 2020-21 School calendar for Palm Beach and Orange Counties, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- There was no New Business

VI. FINANCE

Teacher Salary Allocation

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz presented out the HB641 Teacher Salary Plan. This plan includes an outline of the allocation of the extra funding by district and school, including new starting salaries for teachers and a detailed breakdown of the distribution as well as the salary plan for 2020-21 using the assumption amounts sent by the districts. Dr. Ruiz answered all questions from the Board. As the districts release the allocations by school, adjustments will be made.

MOTION: Motion made by Pat Smith and seconded by Billie Miller of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board to approve the Salary Allocation Plan for HB 641, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Motion was made by John O'Brien and Tom Wheeler of the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board to approve the Salary Allocation Plan for HB641, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by John O'Brien to adjourn the Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. and Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. August 12, 2020 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 9-16-2020