

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: November 10, 2021

School(s):

Bonita Springs Charter School	Gateway Intermediate Charter School
Cape Coral Charter School <i>Mick Cape Coral Academy</i>	Gateway Charter High School
Collier Charter Academy	Manatee Charter School
Gateway Charter 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:
November 10, 2021	12:31 pm	12:58 pm	December 15, 2021	12:30 pm	M. Llanes/ R. Weaver
Meeting Location:					
Schools listed above					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Ken Haiko, Chairman Dennis Clark, Director Billie Miller, Director Paul Sallarulo, Director Tom Wheeler, Treasurer John O'Brien, Vice-Chair Absent: Pat Smith, Director			Other Attendees: Rita Weaver, Board Governance Manager, CSUSA Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director CSUSA Dr. Patrick Galatowitsch, Area 2 Deputy Director Dr. Sara Capwell, Area 3 Deputy Director Principals and Parent Facilitators at above schools Cindy Calvert, Keefe McCullough Penny Walcott, Finance Director		

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 12:33 p.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The board chair called for public comments. There were no public comments.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes for the September 30, 2021 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the September 30, 2021 meeting of the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

III. CSUSA Reports

State Director Report

- School Strategic Goals – Use the same language from RECS.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to accept the school strategic goals for the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- COVID Update – Dr. Ruiz updated the board on the ongoing protocols in the schools and that the number of cases continues to drop.
- The board reviewed ESSER III Priorities and FLDOE guidance, which included ESSER I and ESSER II being utilized prior to ESSER III funds being utilized, 20% use to offset learning loss, and mental health initiatives. Increasing teacher quality and compensation are highest priority for CSUSA. The board discussed when they would see the teacher compensation plan and Dr. David Christiansen advised it would be presented to the board by the January meeting.
- The board requested that the Finance Committee have an opportunity to review prior to the board meeting. The board also discussed the timelines for district and state review.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to direct CSUSA to apply and submit for ESSER III Grants Allocation on behalf of the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- The board reviewed the enrollment count for October 2021. Marketing will present at the December board meeting.

IV. FINANCIALS

FY21 Audited Financial Review

- Cindy Calvert, from Keefe McCullough reviewed the FY21 Audited Financial results for the Renaissance Charter School, inc. portfolio of schools and each school was given an unmodified opinion with no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies. All Audited Financial Results were submitted timely to the appropriate districts.

MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the FY21 Audited Financial Results for the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

December Meeting Date

- Chair Haiko reviewed the December board meeting and the conflict with a district visit.

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to edit the 2021-2022 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board meeting calendar by rescheduling the Dec. 8th meeting to Dec. 15th. Motion was approved unanimously.

Legal Update

- Rita Weaver updated the board on Lee County Referendum Tax not being shared with charters and that school officials noted that if they agreed to share the money with Cape Coral's charter schools, then the 22 other charter schools in the county could also be eligible for a share. Legal will be filing a demand letter with Lee County that they must share monies from their ½ penny sales tax with our schools per statute.

Business Development

- The board reviewed the development agreement and lease agreement for Lakewood Ranches Charter Academy. Board Attorney Levi Williams has reviewed for legal form and sufficiency. The agreements are with similar terms as other agreements with Red Apple Development.
- Ms. Miller inquired as to when it will open (Fall of 2022) because the lease groundbreaking starts in a few months. The school is intending on opening in August of 2022.

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the development agreement and lease agreement by and between Red Apple Development and Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- There was no New Business.

VII. ADJOURMENT

MOTION: Chair Haiko adjourned the November 10, 2021 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting at 12:58 p.m.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 12-15-21

