

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: **October 5, 2022**

Schools and Principals:

Bonita Springs Charter School - Carroll	Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy -Warren/Cendan
Collier Charter Academy - Thompson	Manatee Charter School - Brett
Gateway Charter School - Carter	Mid-Cape Global Academy - Trotter
Gateway Intermediate Charter School - Jensen	Six Mile Charter Academy - Fields
Gateway Charter High School - Jensen	

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

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
September 07, 2022	12:30 p.m.	1:08 p.m.	November 8, 2022	3:30 p.m.	M. Llanes/R. Weaver

Meeting Location: Schools Listed above and Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie

Attended by:

Board Members:

Ken Haiko, Chairman
Tom Wheeler, Treasurer
Billie Miller, Director
Paul Sallarulo, Director
Pat Smith, Director
Dennis Clark, Vice-Chair

Absent:

Other Attendees:

Bonnie Brett, Principal Manatee Charter School
Bradley Warren, Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy
Dr. Cheryl Cendon, Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy
Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director of Florida
Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area 2 Deputy Director
Dr. Sara Capwell, Area 3 Deputy Director
Levi Williams, Esq., Board Attorney
Lisanne Morton, Sr. Director of Finance
Rita Weaver, Board Governance Director
Maggie Llanes, Executive Coordinator for Board Governance

CALL TO ORDER

- Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 12:30 p.m. with a Call to Order by Board Chair Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Board Chair Ken Haiko called for public comments. There were no public comments.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the September 7, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes
Approval of the September 20, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the board meeting minutes for September 7, 2022, and September 20, 2022.
- Board Treasurer Tom Wheeler would like the September 7, 2022, minutes amended to include his comments regarding the Lakewood Ranch Ribbon Cutting scheduling.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the meeting minutes from the September 7, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc., board meeting, as amended, to include Tom Wheeler's comments regarding the Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy Ribbon Cutting scheduling changes.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the meeting minutes from the September 20, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board meeting, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

III. CSUSA REPORTS

State Director Update

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz shared with the board updates of each school after Hurricane Ian thanking those functional support teams that assisted in preparing for the hurricane as well as the aftermath. There was minor damage and all building, except for Mid-Cape Global Academy has been cleared to begin school when announced. Dr. Ruiz introduced Ana Cordal who was at the CSUSA Ft. Lauderdale office with a team of volunteers from across the school network putting together 500 care packages with supplies to deliver on Thursday, Oct. 6th to the Lee County school staff.
- Ana Cordal updated the board on the Crises Event tracker and all schools except Lee County have re-opened. Mrs. Cordal manages events by the 4c's: Clear, constant, communication, and collaboration.
- Board Director Pat Smith inquired about the items included in the care package for school staff and Area 2 Deputy Director Rachel Windler-Freitag advised the process was that the team reached out to those staff affected by the storm and asked what items they needed including: bread, peanut butter, jelly, paper towels, Clorox wipes, water, and other toiletry items requested. Mrs. Smith thanked the team for their servant leadership.

MOTION: Motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to accept the CSUSA State Director's Report, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

School Goals and Initiatives and Tier 3 schools Report (Lee/Collier)

- Dr. Ruiz presented those goals and initiatives not reviewed at the September meeting which were the Lee and Collier schools. These goals were pre-Hurricane Ian and therefore may be adjusted due to the impact of the storm and the needs of the stakeholders at the schools.

TSIA Update

- The board reviewed the FY23 TSIA plans submitted to the FL DOE and is currently under review for approval. The board discussed with Dr. Ruiz the details of the plan and the current desire to continue to increase all teacher salaries. Dr. Ruiz reviewed the base salaries of the districts as well as the impact of referendum dollars.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to ratify the TSIA Plans submitted, for the portfolio of schools of Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. FINANCIALS

There were no Financials

V. OLD BUSINESS

Charter Renewal Updates

- Gateway Consolidation
 - The board discussed the Gateway Charter Elementary School, Gateway Intermediate Charter School, and Gateway Charter High School renewals and the opportunity to work

with the district during the renewal process to consolidate the three charters into one charter. There would be a positive financial impact as well as the consolidation of academic accountability.

- Dr. Ruiz shared with the board the ability to continue to improve the K-12 experience at Gateway and how the consolidation would positively impact staff and students.
- The board discussed building configurations as well as leadership configurations and was advised that a package for that would be forthcoming in future meetings, but that the first step is to approve the request to consolidate.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve consolidating Gateway Charter Elementary School, Gateway Intermediate Charter School, and Gateway Charter High School from three separate charters under one charter and MSID number and for CSUSA staff, board attorney, and Chair to work with the district and departments to file official request, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

Rita Weaver reminded the board that the next board meeting is November 8th, 2022, at Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy and that the meeting times would be in the afternoon in order to accommodate morning travel. The board discussed rescheduling the ribbon cutting for Lakewood Ranch on Nov 9th since they would be there for a meeting.

VII. ADJOURMENT

- Board Chair Ken Haiko adjourned the October 5, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting at 1:08 p.m.



Ken Haiko, Board Chair

Date: 11-8-22