

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: **Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.**

Board Meeting: **December 7, 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:
December 7, 2022	1:31pm	2:05pm	January 10, 2023	1230p	M. Llanes/R. Weaver

Meeting Location: Schools Listed above and Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod

Attended by:

Board Members:

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

Absent:

Billie Miller, Director

Other Attendees:

Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Superintendent and Director of Florida
 Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area 2 Deputy Director
 Dr. Sara Capwell, Area 3 Deputy Director
 Levi Williams, Esq., Board Attorney
 Andres Falconi, Director of Finance
 Lisanne Morton, Sr. Director of Finance
 Rita Weaver, Sr. Director of Board Governance
 Maggie Llanes, Executive Coordinator for Board Governance

CALL TO ORDER

- Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 1:31 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.
- Suzanne Brown – parent at Lakewood Ranch Preparatory has Kindergartener there and at the previous board meeting discussed teacher retention and is upset that son’s favorite teacher resigned. Several issues at the school are still happening and parents are expressing their concern with each other, and teachers are also sharing their concerns with parents. Mrs. Brown would like to see Kindergarteners reach high school in the same school. Ms. Brown commended the Leadership in the school that is doing their best to deal with this situation.
- Chris Brown – spouse of previous public speaker and wanted to also share concern that there has been teacher turnover at the school regardless of the great job that Leaders Warren and Cendan are doing. Mr. Brown would like problems identified at the school and what is being done about it. Currently in the process of deciding whether their child should stay in school or not.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the November 8, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the board meeting minutes for November 8, 2022.

MOTION: Motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the meeting minutes from the November 8, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board meeting, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 1 Absent)

III. CSUSA REPORTS

State Director Update

- Mrs. Rachel Windler-Freitag shared the updates with the board, which included a Principal meeting the day before as well as Tier 3 Quest school visits beginning.

Fall Survey Results

- Mrs. Windler-Freitag reviewed with the board with the results from the Fall Surveys and reviewed the high points, school safety and security, as well as the trends and comparisons from spring to fall. There has been increase in the instructional staff satisfaction, which is very much appreciated by the Administration since there is a teacher shortage nationwide.

Fall Testing Results – Tier 3 Updates

- The board reviewed the NWEA fall assessment data as well as the PM1 FAST dashboards. Dr. Meredith Ross and Dr. Eddie Ruiz met with board member Billie Miller to review in depth the data points and explained to the board that the fall results establish a baseline to monitor the students' results. The winter testing window has just opened and a comparison of Fall to Winter will be presented at the February board meetings.

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

IV. FINANCIALS

Q1 FY23 Financial Results

- The board reviewed the Q1 FY23 Financial Results and all questions were answered by State Director of Finance, Andres Falconi.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to accept the Q1 FY23 Financial Results for the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Charter Renewal Updates

- The board discussed the Lee County schools up for renewal and that the team internally was preparing for the renewal as the district is still recovering from Hurricane Ian and did not begin the renewal process.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A+ Recognition Money

- The board reviewed the A+ Recognition Money for Collier Charter Academy.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the A+ Recognition Money Allocation distribution for Collier Charter Academy, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

VII. ADJOURMENT

- Board Chair Ken Haiko adjourned the December 7, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting at 2:05 p.m.



Ken Haiko, Board Chair

Date: 1-10-23