

# MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: **January 10, 2023**

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:
January 10, 2023	12:30pm	1pm	February 14, 2023	12:30pm	R.Weaver

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

**Attended by:**

**Board Members:**

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

**Absent: none**

**Other Attendees:**

Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Superintendent and Director of Florida  
 LaShonda White, Area 1 Deputy Director  
 Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area 2 Deputy Director  
 Dr. Sara Capwell, Area 3 Deputy Director  
 Levi Williams, Esq., Board Attorney  
 Rita Weaver, Sr. Director of Board Governance

## CALL TO ORDER

- Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 12:30pm 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 December 7, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the board meeting minutes for December 7, 2022.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the meeting minutes from the December 7, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board meeting, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (6-0)**

### III. CSUSA REPORTS

Students from the Bonita Springs Charter School Student Leadership and Kindness team presented to the board the various leadership activities at the school, including partnering with the Florida Gulf Coast University on the random acts of kindness activities currently ongoing throughout the school..

State Director Update

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz updated the board on recent activities which included PM2 Fast Testing ongoing after the winter break, Principal Leadership meetings including the Assistant

Principals in the month of January with a focus on Marketing and Enrollment. The Deputy Directors have been reviewing data with each Tier 3 school individually to increase student achievement.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to accept the CSUSA State Director's Report, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**IV. FINANCIALS**

- There were no Financials.

**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. Area 2 Deputy Rachel Windler-Freitag was currently visiting each Lee school up for renewal in order to be able to move quickly for when the districts sends out the renewal request.

Gateway Lease

- The board reviewed the lease for the expansion of Gateway Charter High School football field and expansion of 300 students.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the lease by and between Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. (Lee County Community Charter Schools, LLC) as Tenant and Red Apple Red Apple Development, LLC as Landlord, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- There was no New Business.

**VII. ADJOURMENT**

- Board Chair Ken Haiko adjourned the January 10, 2023, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting at p.m.



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**Ken Haiko, Board Chair**

Date: February 14, 2023