

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: **March 7, 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:
March 7, 2023	2:30pm	3:15pm	April 11, 2023	1230pm	R.Weaver

Meeting Location: Schools Listed Above

Attended by:

Board Members:

Ken Haiko, Chairman
Tom Wheeler, Treasurer
Billie Miller, Director
Pat Smith, Director
Paul Sallarulo, Director

Absent:

Dennis Clark, Vice-Chair

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
Rita Weaver, Sr. Director of Board Governance

CALL TO ORDER

- Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 2:30pm 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 February 14, 2023, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the board meeting minutes for February 14, 2023. Paul Sallarulo was present at the meeting, not absent as the draft indicated. The minutes will be edited accordingly.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the meeting minutes from the February 14, 2023, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board meeting, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 1 absent)

III. CSUSA REPORTS

The board requested that Dr. Eddie Ruiz attend meetings in person when possible rather than stay back to process admin paperwork.

State Director Update

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz updated the board on recent activities which included second QUEST visits at the Tier 3 schools and preparing for PM3 testing.
- The board visited Duval Charter School at Scholars (“DCSA”) and thanked Deputy Hamlin and the Principal for walking them through the school and the plan to improve student outcomes. The Board requested that the state team push in to support DCSA with administration, enrollment, and all operations etc. so that the leadership staff at the school can focus on instructional efforts.

The board discussed the QUEST process and who holds the individual schools accountable for implementing the initiatives as well as the Education Model with fidelity. The Deputy Directors are responsible for ensuring that the schools are following the Education Model with fidelity.

Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy Configuration Update

- Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy buildings will be configured as the lower building with grades K-5 and the upper building with grades 6-12.

The board reviewed the February FTE survey count for its schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to accept the CSUSA State Director’s Report, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. FINANCIALS

2023 Bond Resolution – Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy

- The board reviewed the 2023 Bond Resolution for the Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy and discussed the unique structure as well as market rates and the re-issue in 7 years due to rising interest rates.
- The board requested a pre-call with the Finance committee prior to bringing any resolutions to the board.
- Board director Billie Miller called the question and Chair Haiko called for the motion and the vote.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the 2023 Bond Resolution for Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy bond issue, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Q2 FY23 Unaudited Financial Review

- The board reviewed the Q2 FY23 unaudited financial review for its portfolio of school and all questions were answered by Ms. Lisanne Morton.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve Q2 FY23 Unaudited Financial Review for the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no Old Business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- There was no New Business.

VII. ADJOURMENT

- The board discussed having the next Southwest Charter Foundation meeting at Collier Charter Academy.
- Board Chair Ken Haiko adjourned the March 7, 2023, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting at 3:15p.m.



Ken Haiko, Board Chair

Date: April 11, 2023

