

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundations: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: June 25, 2024

Schools and Principals:

Bonita Springs Charter School - Carroll	Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy -Cendan
Collier Charter Academy - Thompson	Manatee Charter School - Morris
Gateway Charter School – Wade/Jenson	Mid-Cape Global Academy – Lemos
Six Mile Charter Academy - Laine	

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:
June 25, 2024	12:37PM EST	1:14PM EST	August 14, 2024	12:30PM	R. Weaver/ L. Peake
Meeting Location: At Each School Above					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Ken Haiko, Chairman Tom Wheeler, Vice Chair and Secretary Paul Sallarulo, Treasurer Dennis Clark Billie Miller, Director Absent: Pat Smith, Director			Other Attendees: Principals and Parent Facilitators at above listed schools (or their designees) Levi Williams, Esq. - Board Attorney Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Superintendent of Florida Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area 2 Deputy Director Sara Capwell, Area 3 Deputy Director Lianne Morton, Finance Director Rita Weaver, Sr. Director of Board Governance, CSUSA Leah Peake, Board Governance Manager		

CALL TO ORDER

- Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 12:37 PM EST with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.
- Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Haiko led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the April 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the April 4, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the meeting minutes from the April 4 2024, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board meeting, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (5-0,1)

Approval of the June 10, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the June 10, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the meeting minutes from the June 10, 2024, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board meeting, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

FY25 Board Meeting Schedule

- The board reviewed the FY25 Board Meeting Schedule for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the FY25 Board Meeting Schedule with edits for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bylaws Amendment

- The board reviewed bylaws amendment.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Bylaws Amendment for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

- The Finance Committee provided the board an update.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- Master Safety and Security Plan
- CSUSA Reading Plan
- Parent Handbook
- Student Progression Plan
- Instructional Evaluation Plan
- FY24 Q3 Presentation
- FY24 Q3 Financial Reports

- Board Director, Billie Miller pulled items 3 (Parent Handbook) from the consent agenda.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the Consent Agenda apart from items 3 (Parent Handbook) for the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pulled Items from Consent

3. Parent Handbook

- The board discussed the parent handbook. Billie Miller stated her disagreement with the parent handbook and the need to update sections of the handbook.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Parent Handbook for the Southwest Charter Foundation; Inc. as presented. The motion was approved 4-1 (Miller), 1 absent.

V. FINANCIALS

FY25 Budget Presentation – CSUSA Compensation Plan

- The board reviewed the FY25 Budget Presentation including the CSUSA Compensation Plan and Support Center Cost Reimbursements.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the FY25 Budget including the CSUSA Compensation Plan and Support Center Cost Reimbursements for the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. CSUSA REPORTS

Legislative Update

- Rita Weaver provided the board an update on the latest legislative session. This legislative session was a defensive year with regards to deregulations for public schools. Statues are now in place for “turn around schools”. HB1316 focuses on AI use in classrooms. HB1403 included school choice. HB1 for the upcoming legislative session focuses on minors and the use of social media. Increase in teacher pay is included in the new education budget. FEFP was in increased to \$8959 per student.

State Superintendent Update

- State Superintendent, Dr. Eddie Ruiz provided the board an update on Principal Leadership Academy, changes in leadership at the deputy level and principals, school grades are due at the end of the summer.
- Dr. Ruiz thanked the board for attending graduation, he thanked the principals and staff who work on graduations across the network.
- Dr. Ruiz provide the board an update on strategic planning.

Spring Survey Results

- Rita Weaver provided the board an update on the Spring Survey results.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Enrollment Policy Addendum

- The board reviewed the Enrollment Policy Addendum

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Enrollment Policy Addendum for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved 4-1 (Wheeler) 1 absent.

Charter Renewals

- The board review the Charter Renewal for Manatee Charter School.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to seek the maximum number of years allowed for the Manatee Charter School renewal. Motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

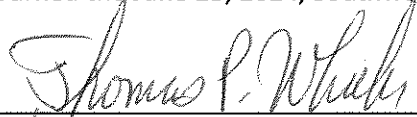
FY25 Mental Health Plans

- The board reviewed the FY25 Mental Health Plans for the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to opt-out of the district mental health plan for all school in the Southwest Charter Foundation portfolio of schools. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- Hearing no objections, Board Chair Ken Haiko adjourned the June 25, 2024, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting at 1:14 PM EST



For **Ken Haiko, Board Chair**
Date: 6/14/24