

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundations: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: **June 26, 2025**

Schools and Principals:

Bonita Springs Charter School - Carroll	Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy – Geary, HoS
Innovation Preparatory Academy of S. Ft. Myers - Laine	Manatee Charter School - Anda
Gateway Charter School – Jenson, HoS	Mid-Cape Global Academy – Lemos
Innovation Preparatory Academy of Naples – Thompson-Panto	

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 26, 2025	12:31PM EST	12:58PM EST	August 27, 2025	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 Pat Smith, Director Absent:		Other Attendees: Principals and Parent Facilitators at above listed schools (or their designees) Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Superintendent of Florida Jeff Spiro, Area 3 Deputy Director Nirvani Ramnath Area 2 Deputy 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 12:31 PM EST with a Call to Order by Chairman, Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Board Chairman, Ken Haiko called for committee reports. There were no committee reports.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

- Legislative Report Mrs. Weaver updated the board on the legislative session. The CSUSA advocacy day was beneficial in stopping cuts to Dual Enrollment and advance placement classes. Senator Boyd enjoyed his meeting with the principal and looks forward to visiting the school. FEFP per student funding increased by approximately \$142 per student.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. April 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes
2. Master Safety and Security Plan
3. Student Progression Plan
4. CSUSA Compensation Plan
5. CSUSA Reading Plan
6. Administrative Evaluation Plan
7. Instructional Evaluation Plan
8. General Knowledge Test Waiver
 - a. Mid-Cape Global Academy
9. CSP Grant Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy
10. School Recognition Funds
 - a. Innovation Preparatory Academy of Naples
 - b. Manatee Charter School
11. FY25 Parent Handbook
 - a. Bonita Springs Charter School
 - b. Gateway Charter School
 - c. Innovation Preparatory School of Naples
 - d. Innovation Preparatory School of South Ft. Myers
 - e. Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy
 - f. Manatee Charter School
 - g. Mid-Cape Global Academy

MOTION: Motion was made by BTom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of #11-b & e for Southwest Charter Foundation; Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 0 absent)

- Ms. Miller stated her concern with handbook policy enforcement and consistency. She stated that all policies in the handbook need to be enforced, or the handbook should be modified to reflect the acceptable policies. She would like a report in December regarding discipline occurrences.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the Consent Agenda Item #11 – b & e. (5-0, Miller – Abstained, 0)

V. FINANCIALS

Q3FY25 Financial Review

Support Center Cost Reimbursement

- Lisanne Morton presented the Q3 FY25 Financial Review with Support Center Cost Reimbursement.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the FY24 Audited Results for Southwest Charter Foundation; Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 0)

FY26 Budget

- Lisanne Morton presented the FY26 Budget for Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the FY24 Audited Results for Southwest Charter Foundation; Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 0)

VI. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mental Health Assistance Narrative

Mrs. Weaver presented the board the Mental Health Assistance Allocation Narrative

MOTION: Motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to authorize CSUSA to submit the Mental Health Assistance Allocation plans and opt-out of the district's plan. The motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 0)

VIII. CSUSA REPORTS

State Superintendent Update

- Compensation Comparison by District – Pulled from Agenda
- Spring Survey Results
- Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Superintendent, provided the board an update on Principal Institute. He thanked Ms. Miller for attending.
- Dr. Ruiz state school grades should be out soon and those would be presented at the board retreat in July.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the CSUSA Reports for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 0)

ADJOURNMENT

- Hearing no objections, Board Chair, Ken Haiko adjourned the June 26, 2025, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting at 12:58 PM EST



Ken Haiko, Board Chair

Date: 8.27.25