

# MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundations: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: **October 16, 2025**

Schools and Principals:

Bonita Springs Charter School - Gerschick	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	

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
October 16, 2025	2:30PM EST	2:52PM EST	December 3, 2025	12:30PM	R. Weaver/ L. Peake
<b>Meeting Location: At Each School Above</b>					
<b>Attended by:</b>					
<b>Board Members:</b> Ken Haiko, Chairman Tom Wheeler, Vice Chair and Secretary Paul Sallarulo, Treasurer Dennis Clark, Director Pat Smith, Director Matt Ohlson, Auxiliary Board Member (Non-Voting) <b>Absent:</b> Billie Miller, Director			<b>Other Attendees:</b> 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 4 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 2:31 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.

## II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

## III. CONSENT AGENDA

- August 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- FY26 Teacher Salary Increase Allocation
- Out of Field Waivers
  - Innovation Preparatory Academy of Naples
  - Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy
  - Manatee Charter School

**MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Consent Agenda for Southwest Charter Foundation; Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 1 absent)**

#### **IV. FINANCIALS**

##### **1. FY25 Financial Audits**

Ralph Arrojo, from Citrin Cooperman Firm, presented to the Renaissance Charter Foundation, Inc. board. the FY25 Financial Audits results with an unmodified opinion, which is the highest assurance the auditors can give. There were no financial issues noted, no difficulty with management, and no uncorrected statements to be made. Mr. Arrojo presented all the required disclosures.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the FY25 Q4 Unaudited Financial Review for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 1 absent)**

2. Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Innovation Preparatory Academy of Naples - IT Lease #2252240
3. Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Innovation Preparatory Academy of Naples - FF&E Lease #2252241
4. Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Innovation Preparatory Academy of South Ft Myers - IT Lease #2252234
5. Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Innovation Preparatory Academy of South Ft Myers - FF&E Lease #2252235

**MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Innovation Preparatory Academy of Naples - IT Lease #2252240, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Innovation Preparatory Academy of Naples - FF&E Lease #2252241, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Innovation Preparatory Academy of South Ft Myers - IT Lease #2252234, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Innovation Preparatory Academy of South Ft Myers - FF&E Lease #2252235 as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 1 absent)**

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- Human Resources- Staffing Update
  - Rita Weaver presented the Human Resources Staffing update and answered all questions.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VII. CSUSA REPORTS**

##### State Superintendent Update

- School Goals
- Dr. Ruiz provided the board an update on the Accountability Retreat, Quests, Charter School Conference, and Strategic Planning. He invited the board to the Steller Star luncheon and laid out the school goals for the Renaissance Charter Foundation, Inc Portfolio of Schools.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the CSUSA Reports for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 1 absent)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Hearing no objections, Board Chair, Ken Haiko adjourned the October 16, 2025, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting at 2:52 PM EST

  
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**Ken Haiko, Board Chair**

Date: 12.3.25