

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundations: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: **June 18, 2026**

Schools and Principals:

Bonita Springs Charter School - Gerschick	Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy – McBane, HoS
Innovation Preparatory Academy of S. Ft. Myers - Laine	Manatee Charter School – Padron Kimbrel
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:
June 18, 2026	12:05PM EST	12:36PM EST	August 27, 2026	12:30PM	R. Weaver/ L. Peake
Meeting Location: Hilton Lake Buena Vista Palace, 1900 E Buena Vista Dr. Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Ken Haiko, Chairman Tom Wheeler, Vice Chair and Secretary Billie Miller, Director Pat Smith, Director Absent: Paul Sallarulo, Treasurer Dennis Clark, Director Matt Ohlsen, Director		Other Attendees: Principals and Parent Facilitators at above listed schools (or their designees) Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Superintendent of Florida Dr. Jeff Spiro, Area 3 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 12:05 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.
- Board Chair Ken Haiko called for a motion to add an administrative section to the agenda.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Pat Smith to add an administrative section to the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 3 Absent)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- Ken Haiko presented Randy Walker to be added to the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Governance Board Committee.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to add Randy Walker to the Governance Board Committee. The motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 3 Absent)

III.COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Board Chairman, Ken Haiko called for committee reports.
- Ms. Miller thanked all the high school principals for an amazing graduation. She thanked the board members for attending gradations as well.
- Board Attorney, Levi Williams read a statement from Board Treasurer Paul Sallarulo that said Mr. Sallarulo met with the Accounting and Finance Team to discuss the financials being presented at this board meeting. The team answered all of Mr. Sallarulo's questions and he was satisfied with all the answers provided.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. April 29, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
2. FY26-27 Instructional Evaluation
3. FY26-27 Administrative Evaluation
4. CSUSA Compensation Plan
5. FY26-27 Master Safety and Security Plan
6. FY26-27 CSUSA Reading Plan
7. FY26-27 Student Progression Plan
8. Parent Student Handbook
 - Bonita Springs Charter School
 - Gateway Charter School (K-12)
 - Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy (K-12)
 - Manatee Charter School
 - Mid Cape Global Academy
 - Innovation Preparatory Academy of S. Ft Myers
 - Innovation Preparatory Academy Naples
9. Professional Test Waiver - Gateway Charter School
10. General Knowledge Test Waiver – Gateway Charter School
11. FY26 Q3 Forecast presentation
12. FY26 Q3 School Financials (VA Reports)
13. Lee County FY26 Settlement Funds

Tom Wheeler pulled items # 13

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items 13. The motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 3 Absent)

- Item 13: FY26-27 Lee County FY26 Settlement Funds
 - Myrna Laine-Hyppolite provided clarification on the total amount of funds received and the future funds that will be received by July 15, 2026. Additional funds for future school building and property were also discussed.
 - Myrna Laine-Hyppolite stated the settlement is very specific in the way the funds can be used and can only be allocated toward capitol projects.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to approve item 13, Lee County FY26 Settlement Funds for Southwest Charter Foundation Inc., as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 3 Absent)

V. FINANCIALS

1. FY26-27 Budget Presentation
 - a. FY27 Budget Review Reports

MOTION: Motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve item FY26-27 Budgets for Southwest Charter Foundation Inc., as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 3 absent)

2. Board list of Green Apple Financing Use Agreements by School
3. Sample Green Apple Financing Use and Service Agreement for Apple IT Leases (SWCF_BSCS)
 - Rita Weaver presented the Green Apple Financing Use Agreement and Sample Green Apple Financing Use and Service Agreement for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. schools listed and explained the need for the financing and timing of the financing.
 - Richard Page and Rita Weaver answered all the boards questions.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the Green Apple Financing Use and Service Agreement for Apple IT Leases at the below listed schools.

- Bonita Springs Charter School
- Gateway Charter School
- Gateway Charter High School
- Innovation Preparatory Academy of Naples
- Innovation Preparatory Academy of South Ft Myers
- Manatee Charter School

- **MidCape Global Academy**

The motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 3 Absent)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- **Prodigy Service Agreement**
 - The board reviewed the Prodigy Service Agreement with the Micro PreSchool budgets previously reviewed and approved.

MOTION: Motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Prodigy Service Agreement beginning in FY27 between Southwest Charter Foundation Inc. and Prodigy Learning, Inc. The motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 3 Absent)

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. CSUSA REPORTS

State Superintendent Update

- Dr. Ruiz presented the State Superintendent Update and discussed end of the year testing, graduation, Principals Institute and Summer engagement.
- Rita Weaver presented the board with information on Lakewood Ranch Preparatory Academy Renewal.

ADJOURNMENT

- Hearing no objections, Board Chair, Ken Haiko adjourned the June 18, 2026, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting at 12:36 PM EST



Ken Haiko, Board Chair

Date: 8.25.26