

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc.
 Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC.

Board Meeting: June 10, 2021

School(s): Woodmont Charter School
 Creekside Charter Academy
 Winthrop Charter School
 Union Park Charter Academy
 Henderson Hammock Charter School
 Keys Gate Charter School
 Clay Charter Academy
 SouthShore Charter Academy
 Waterset Charter School
 Innovation Preparatory Academy
 Winthrop College Prep Academy

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 10, 2021	1:02pm	2:41pm	August 12, 2021	1pm	R.Weaver
Meeting Location:					
On-Site Location: Schools listed above					

Attended by:	
Board Members: Eric Johnson – Director Randy Walker – Treasurer Dr. Ramdas Chandra – Vice Chair Absent: Dr. Steve Knobl – Secretary Valora Cole –Chair	Other Attendees: Principals and Parent Facilitators of Above-Mentioned Schools Levi Williams – Board Attorney Dr.Eddie Ruiz, State Director Rita Weaver – Governing Board Director, CSUSA Yolanda Thomas, Director of Strategy, CSUSA Stephanie Smith, Sr. Financial Analyst, CSUSA Penny Walcott, Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 1:02 a.m. with a Call to Order by Vice-Chair, Dr. Ramdas Chandra. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval Board Meeting Minutes

- The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the April 8, 2021 FCEF/BACF Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the Florida Charter Educational Foundation and Bay Area Charter Foundation Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2021, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent).

II. CSUSA REPORTS

State Director Update

- Florida State Director, Dr. Eddie Ruiz updated the board on leadership changes that affect this board. Area 3 Deputy Director Lane Morris will be moving to Creekside Charter Academy as the Principal and CSUSA is reviewing candidates for the Area 3 Deputy Director role.
- Mr. Eric Johnson thanked Lane for all of his hard work over the years on behalf of the Board.

Spring Surveys

- Yolanda Thomas, Director of Strategy, reviewed the Spring Survey results for CSUSA as a network, and the FCEF BACF portfolio of schools. The board requested year to year comparison percentages in the survey results moving forward.
- The Board reviewed the surveys, and all questions were answered by Ms. Thomas.

Innovative Education Model

Innovative Learning Pilot

- Rita Weaver reviewed legislation from the 2021 Legislative Session which should be signed by July 1, 2021, by Governor DeSantis. Senate Bill 1028 provides for curriculum changes to align with what is being done under the current Executive Order. Senate Bill 1108 creates the Innovative Blended Learning and Real-Time Student Assessment Pilot Program, which involves the combination of in-person and remote students in the same classroom environment. Mrs. Weaver outlined that CSUSA intends to leverage its best teachers and Principals to implement blended learning to enhance its core curriculum.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve an education model that has a blended learning element, for the FCEF BACF portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to direct CSUSA to apply on behalf of FCEF BACF, for the Innovative Blended Learning Pilot with the Florida Department of Education, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

III. FINANCIALS

Q3 Financial Review

- The Board reviewed the Q3 Financial Review with Stephanie Smith.
- Ms. Smith reviewed the financials with Treasurer Randy Walker at a separate meeting and Mr. Walker reiterated he met, and all questions were answered by Ms. Smith.

MOTION: Motion was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Eric Johnson to approve the Q3 FY21 Financial Review of the Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

FY22 Budget Review

- Stephanie Smith reviewed the FY22 Budgets for the FCEF BACF portfolio of schools. Mr. Walker, the Board's Treasurer, reviewed the budgets in a prior pre-call and noted that the budgeted amount of 35% for property/liability was more than a typical increase year to year.

MOTION: Motion was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Eric Johnson to approve the FY22 Budget Review for the FCEF BACF portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Charter Renewal(s) Update

- Rita Weaver updated the board that the Union Park Charter Academy contract was on the Pasco County School Board for approval. The Board is signing the one-year approval term under protest.
- Mrs. Weaver also reported out that Woodmont Charter School and Southshore Charter Academy are on the Hillsborough County School Board agenda for the June meeting. Ms. Cole and Mr. Walker will be in attendance. The Hillsborough charter office has recommended 5-year renewals for both schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to accept the charter contract by and between Pasco County School Board and Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc. for Union Park Charter Academy, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to accept the charter contract by and between Hillsborough County School board and Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., and Bay Area Charter Foundation for Woodmont Charter School and Southshore Charter Academy, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

2021-2022 Board Meeting Schedule

- The Board reviewed the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Calendar.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Calendar for Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

Charter School Growth Funding Allocation

- The Board reviewed the Charter School Growth Funding Allocation for their eligible schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the Growth Funding allocation Memorandum of Understanding for Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc. and its portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

HCC Dual Enrollment Agreement

- The Board reviewed the HCC Dual Enrollment Agreement.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement by and between Hillsborough Community College and the Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., and Bay Area Charter Foundation, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

V. NEW BUSINESS

WCPA FHSAA Application

- Rita Weaver reviewed the Winthrop College Prep Academy ("WCPA") FHSAA Application with the board. Dr. Kotkin answered the boards questions regarding athletic and sports programming at WCPA.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to accept the FHSAA Bylaws for Winthrop College Prep Academy, Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., and Bay Area Charter Foundation, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to ratify the FHSAA Application for Winthrop College Prep Academy, Florida Charter Education Foundation Inc., and Bay Area Charter Foundation, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

2021-2022 Renewals

- Rita Weaver reviewed the 2021-2022 charters that are set to renew as follows:
Henderson Hammock Charter School and Waterset Charter School.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to direct CSUSA to engage in the renewal process with Hillsborough County School Board for the Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., and Bay Area Charter Foundation schools up for renewal in the FY22 school: Henderson Hammock Charter School and Waterset Charter School, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

Prodigy ELC Enrollment Agreement

- Rita Weaver updated the board of legislation, Senate Bill 1028 that allows for and enrollment preference with a contracted ELC (early learning center). The board reviewed the enrollment agreement with Prodigy ELC.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve enrollment agreement with Prodigy ELC and the Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., and Bay Area Charter Foundation portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

Security Policies

- The board reviewed the security policies which include threat assessment policy, which includes compliance with the involuntary evaluation language in FS590, requirements, and documentation, the mobile tool (Alyssa's law-using AT&T Mutualink, one of the state's pre-approved vendors), School Environmental Safety Incident Policy, and Active Assailant Policy and the Master Security Policy which meets and exceeds the requirements set forth in FS1006.12 (MSD Legislation).

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the Security Policies in accordance with FS1006.12 for the Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., and Bay Area Charter Foundation portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

Parent/Student Handbook

- The Board reviewed the Parent/Student handbook and the policies contained within.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the Parent/Student handbook for the Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., and Bay Area Charter Foundation portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

Mental Health Plan

- The board reviewed the mental health plan and the updates in accordance with 2021 legislation.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the Mental Health Plan for the Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., and Bay Area Charter Foundation portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

Reading Plan

- The board reviewed the CSUSA Reading Plan.


MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to adopt CSUSA Reading Plan for the Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc., and Bay Area Charter Foundation portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were no public comments

VII. ADJOURMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to adjourn the FCEF/BACF June 10, 2021, board meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.



Valora Cole, Chair

Date: 8-12-21