

MEETING MINUTES

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

Board Meeting: August 14, 2023

Schools - Principals:

Clay Charter Academy–Brian Gifford	Union Park Charter Academy – Kristen Land
Creekside Charter Academy–Sherly Laguerre	Waterset Charter School – Dr. Chad McBane
Henderson Hammock Charter School–Nirvani Ramnath	Winthrop Charter School – Terry Johnson
Innovation Preparatory Academy – Meagan Smith	Winthrop College Prep Academy – Timothy Greenier
Keys Gate Charter School – Corinne Baez	Woodmont Charter School – Marvin Jones
Southshore Charter Academy – Amy Sams	

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:
August 14, 2023	4:01 pm	4:42 pm	September 28, 2023	4:00 pm	R.Weaver/ L. Peake

Meeting Location:

On-Site Location: At each school listed above

Attended by:

Board Members:

Valora Cole – Chair
 Randy Walker – Treasurer
 Eric Johnson – Director
Absent:
 Dr. Ramdas Chandra – Vice
 Chair/Secretary
 Dr. Steve Knobl – Director

Other Attendees:

Principals and Parent Facilitators of Above-Mentioned Schools
 Board Attorney Levi Williams
 Dr. Eddie Ruiz, Florida State Superintendent
 Dr. Sara Capwell, Area 3 Deputy Director
 LaShonda White, Area 1 Deputy Director
 Rita Weaver, Sr. Governing Board Director
 Leah Peake, Board Governance Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 4:01 p.m. with a Call to Order by Board Chair Valora Cole. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Board Chair Valora Cole asked for public comments. There were none.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the June 26, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes of the June 26, 2023, Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. ("FCEF-BACF") Meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the June 26, 2023, Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC, Meeting Minutes, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 2 absent)

Board Membership

- Mr. Ramdas Chandra submitted his resignation for board approval. Mrs. Cole thanked him for his service and Mr. Johnson requested a gift be sent to thank him for his years of service and dedication to the board.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to accept the resignation of Dr. Ramdas Chandra. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

- The board discussed the need to create a committee to recruit new board members. Eric Johnson volunteered to head the committee along with the Board Attorney, Levi Williams, and Sr. Governance Director, Rita Weaver.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the creation of Board Recruiting Committee for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

III. CSUSA REPORTS

State Director Update

- Dr. Ruiz updated the board on projected school grades, he noted that 82% of schools in the FCEF BACF portfolio are projected to score A's or B's during a baseline proficiency only accountability year. The schools showed growth as well, which will be counted moving forward.
- Dr. Capwell provided an update on school openings. This year Returning Teacher Orientation was increased from 5 days to 7 days. Professional Learning Communities began on the first and second days of school. Dr. Capwell noted that a school start date on a Thursday, provided for a lower attendance on Thursday and Friday with an increase in Monday, August 14th, 2023 attendance. Dr. Capwell noted that there were a few challenges with air condition units and IT but overall, the school year was off to a great start.

IV. FINANCIALS

FY24 Budget Amendment College Preparatory at Wellen Park

- The board reviewed the FY24 Budget Amendment College Preparatory at Wellen Park.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the FY24 Budget Amendment for College Preparatory Academy at Wellen Park, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

TSIA FY23 Final Expenditure Report - Clay, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Pasco

- The board reviewed the TSIA FY23 Final Expenditure Report - Clay, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Pasco.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to accept the TSIA FY23 Final Expenditure Report - Clay, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Pasco, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

V. OLD BUSINESS

Winthrop Charter School Expansion

- Rita Weaver provided an update on the expansion of Winthrop Charter School, which included a review of the lease and financing documents set before the board for ratification.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to ratify the lease agreement and SDNA, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

Mental Health Allocation Plan

- The board reviewed the Mental Health Allocation Plan

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to ratify the Mental Health Allocation Plan for the Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Coudation, LLC portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

CSUSA Student Progression Plan - Clay, Hillsborough, Pasco, Sarasota

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MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to accept to approve the CSUSA Student Progression Plan in Clay, Hillsborough, Pasco, Sarasota counties and adopt the district Student Progression Plan in Miami Dade County. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

Out of Field Wavers

- The board reviewed the out of field waivers.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to out of field waivers, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

Student Code of Conduct

- The board reviewed the student code of conduct, as presented by Mrs. Weaver.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to adopt the Student Codes of Conduct, with the parent student handbook and charter contracts taking precedent where there is conflicting information, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

Principal and Parent Facilitator Appointment

- The board reviewed the Principal and Parent Facilitator Appointment

MOTION: A motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to accept to Principal and Parent Facilitator Appointment for the FY24 school year for the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC., portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

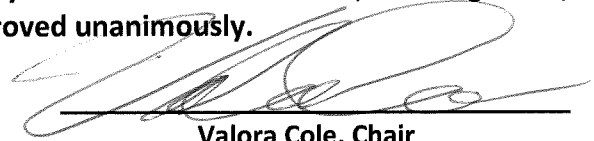
Vice-Chair Vacancy

Mrs. Weaver informed the board of the Vice-Chair vacancy that will occur due to the resignation of Dr. Chandra.

MOTION: A motion was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Valora Cole to appoint Eric Johnson as the Vice Chair of the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

VII. ADJOURMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to adjourn the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. August 14, 2023 Board Meeting at 4:52 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously.



Valora Cole, Chair

Date: 19-28-2023