

MEETING MINUTES

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

Board Meeting: **February 25, 2025**

Schools - Principals:

Clay Charter Academy–Brian Gifford	Southshore Charter Academy – Amy Sams
Creekside Charter Academy–Sherly Laguerre	Union Park Charter Academy – Meagan Smith
College Preparatory Academy at Wellen Park - Britton	Waterset Charter School – Farrell Thomas
Henderson Hammock Charter School– Brittney Romeo	Winthrop Charter School – Terry Johnson
Innovation Preparatory Academy – Danielle Reynolds	Winthrop College Prep Academy – Tim Greenier
Keys Gate Charter School – Corinne Baez	Woodmont Charter School – Eric Shill

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:
February 25, 2025	4:02 pm	5:35 pm	April 24, 2025	4:00 pm	R.Weaver/ L. Peake

Meeting Location:

On-Site Location: Winthrop Charter School and schools as public noticed

Attended by:

Board Members:

Valora Cole – Chair
Eric Johnson – Vice-Chair
Randy Walker – Treasurer
Dr. Steve Knobl – Director
Andrea Coyle - Director

Absent: None

Other Attendees:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 4:02 p.m. with a Call to Order by Board Chair Valora Cole. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

- Ms. Cole turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Johnson.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Committee Chair, Randy Walker presented the board a report on the finance committee.
- The board had no questions for Mr. Walker.

III. Administrative

Elections of Officers and Retention of Board Directors Call

- The board reviewed the current slate of board members for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. (“FCEF-BACF”)

MOTION: Motion was made by Steve Knobl and seconded by Andrea Coyle to approve and retain the current officers and board of directors in good standing for the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 0 absent)

Board Policy Book

- The board reviewed the Board Policy for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC.

MOTION: Motion was made by Valora Cole and seconded by Randy Walker to ratify the Board Policy Book for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 0 absent)

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. November 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes
2. FY26 Calendar
3. Out of Field Waivers
 - a) Clay Charter School
 - b) Creekside Charter School
 - c) Henderson Hammock Charter School
 - d) Keysgate Charter School
 - e) South Shore Charter Academy
 - f) Union Park Charter Academy
 - g) Winthrop Charter School
 - h) Winthrop College Prep Academy
4. General Knowledge Test Waiver – Innovation Preparatory Academy
5. IT and Furniture Equipment Lease
 - a) Winthrop Charter School – IT Lease # 2252189 & Furniture Lease # 2252190
 - b) Creekside Charter School – IT Lease # 2252187 & Furniture Lease # 2252188
6. Q2 FY25 Financial Review
7. A+ School Recognition Funds
 - a) Creekside Charter School
 - b) Henderson Hammock Charter School
 - c) Union Park Charter Academy
 - d) Winthrop Charter School
 - e) Winthrop College Prep Academy
8. Union Park Charter Amendment
9. Woodmont Charter School Title I Budget
10. Title III Allocation of Funds
11. Amended Budgets
 - a) Innovation Preparatory Academy
 - b) Union Park Charter Academy
12. Class Size Reduction Compliance Plan
 - a) Clay Charter Academy

- b) Creekside Charter School
- c) Henderson Hammock Charter School
- d) Southshore Charter Academy
- e) Winthrop Charter School
- f) Winthrop College Prep Academy

MOTION: Motion was made by Steve Knobl and seconded by Valora Cole to approve the Consent Agenda for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 0 absent)

V. FINANCIAL

- The Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. Projects-Series 2025 Bonds
- Board Attorney, Levi William presented the board the Project-Series 2025 Bonds

MOTION: Motion was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Valora Cole to approve the Project-Series 2025 Bonds for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 0 absent)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Winthrop College Prep Charter Renewal Update

- Mrs. Weaver provided the board an update on the Winthrop College Prep renewal and awarding of a 15-year contract.
- Mr. Johnson commended the school for all the hard work and congratulated them on the renewal.
- Mr. Johnson commended principal Greenier on being awarded the CSUSA Principal of the year for the State of Florida.

Polk County Charter Application

- Mrs. Weaver presented the board an update on the previously approved Polk County Charter Application

MOTION:

VII. NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- New Markets
 - Marion County Infographic
- Mrs. Weaver presented the board the Marion County Infographic.

- The board requested more information be brought back for review.

VIII. CSUSA REPORTS

State Superintendent Update

1. Fall Survey Results
 - Mrs. Weaver presented the board the Fall Survey Results
2. New School Opening Update
 - Dr. Ruiz provided the board an update on the opening of Cherry Lake Preparatory Academy
3. Clay Charter Academy International Baccalaureate Program
 - Deputy Hamlin provided the board an overview on the International Baccalaureate Program for Clay Charter Academy
 - Dr. Knobl congratulated the team for continuing to improve the school and provide opportunities for student success.
4. Keys Gate Charter School Leadership Change
 - Mrs. Weaver provided the board an update on the Keys Gate Charter School Leadership Change
5. Mid-Year Academic Progress
 - Woodmont Charter School
 - Deputy Director, Nirvani Ramnath provided the board an update on the mid-year academic data. Mrs. Ramnath presented the board the Mid-Year dashboards and discussed the academic process of the schools.
 - Mrs. Weaver presented the board the leadership changes and Woodmont and steps being taken for the end of the year progress and testing.
 - Mr. Johnson commented Winthrop Charter School on academic projections.
6. 25-26 Enrollment Projections
 - Mrs. Weaver presented the board with the 25-26 enrollment projects.
7. Graduation Date - Winthrop College Prep – May 21, 2025, at 7:00pm
 - Mrs. Weaver reminded the board of Winthrop College Preps Graduation Date.

MOTION: Motion was made by Valora Cole and seconded by Randy Walker approve the CSUSA report as presented for the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 0 absent)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Steve Knoble and seconded by Randy Walker to adjourn the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. February 25, 2025, Board Meeting at 5:35 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 0 absent)



Valora Cole, Chair

Date: 4.24.25