

MEETING MINUTES

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

Board Meeting: **April 24, 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:
April 24, 2025	4:00 pm	4:31 pm	June 27, 2025	1:00 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
Dr. Steve Knobl – Director
Andrea Coyle - Director
Absent: None
Randy Walker – Treasurer

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 4:00 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.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Committee Chair, Randy Walker met with Finance.
- Mr. walker communicated with Mrs. Weaver that the finance team answered all his questions, and he had no concerns.
- The finance team was available to answer any questions the board had, the board had no questions for the finance team.

III. Consent Agenda

1. February 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes
2. FY26 Calendar Amendment
3. 2025 IT Decommissioning Inventory Log

4. FY24 Audit Results
5. FY25 Audit Engagement Letters
6. FY25 Forecast Budget
7. FY24-25 A+ School Recognition Funds
 - a. SouthShore Charter Academy
 - b. Winthrop Charter School
8. General Knowledge Test Waiver
 - a. Clay Charter Academy
 - b. Winthrop Charter School
9. Polk K8 Classical Update

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Steve Knobl to approve the Consent Agenda for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 1 absent)

IV. FINANCIAL - NONE

V. OLD BUSINESS

Fruitville Management Agreement

- 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.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Andrea Coyle to approve the Management Agreement for Fruitville Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 1 absent)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

SOUTHSHORE CHARTER ACADEMY – HVAC CAPITAL PROJECT

- The board reviewed the Southshore Charter Academy HVAC capital project as presented by Mr. Rob Tecar.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Steve Knoble to approve the Southshore Charter Academy HVAC capital project as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 1 absent)

2025-26 FLORIDA CHARTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

- The board reviewed the Southshore 2025-26 Florida Charter Educational Foundation Board Meeting Schedule as presented.

MOTION: Motion was made by Steve Knoble and seconded by Eric Johnson to approve the 2025-26 Florida Charter Educational Foundation Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 1 absent)

PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK (DRAFT)

- The board reviewed the parent student handbook draft as presented.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Steve Knoble to approve the FY25 Parent Student Handbook for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 1 absent)

VII. CSUSA REPORTS

State Superintendent Update

- Area 3 Deputy, Nirvani Ramnath provided the board an update on the end of the school year, upcoming graduations, and the testing schedule.
- Rita Weaver provided the board an update on the illegal parking on 301 outside of Winthrop College Prep Academy. The DOT is working with Winthrop College Prep to add increased signs and the Hillsborough Sheriff's office is ticketing cars parked illegally.
- Board Vice-Chair Eric Johnson, thanked the legal team for their diligence in assisting with the resolution of the illegal parking and commended DOT and the Sheriff's office for their partnership.

ADJOURMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Steve Knoble and seconded by Eric Johnson to adjourn the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. April 24, 2025, Board Meeting at 4:31 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 1 absent)



Valora Cole, Chair

Date: June 27, 2025

