

MEETING MINUTES

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

Board Meeting: **April 30, 2026**

Schools - Principals:

Cherry Lake Preparatory Academy - Kokx	Southshore Charter Academy – Clark (Interim)
Clay Charter Academy – Caldwell	Union Park Charter Academy – Glover
College Preparatory Academy at Wellen Park - Fees	Waterset Charter School – Bruni
Creekside Charter Academy – Laguerre	Winthrop Charter School – Johnson – Greenier, HoS
Henderson Hammock Charter School – Romeo	Winthrop College Prep Academy – Miller – Greenier, HoS
Innovation Preparatory Academy – Reynolds	Woodmont Charter School – Tate
Keys Gate Charter School – Verdier, HoS	

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 30, 2026	1:03 PM	1:56 PM	June 18, 2026	4:00 PM	L. Peake
Meeting Location:					
On-Site Location: FCEF Schools as public noticed					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Eric Johnson – Board Chair Andrea Coyle - Vice-Chair Randy Walker – Treasurer Absent: Dr. Steve Knobl – Director		Other Attendees: Principals and Parent Facilitators of Above-Mentioned Schools Board Attorney Levi Williams LaShonda White, Area 1 Deputy Director Dr. Jeff Spiro, Area 3 Deputy Director Nirvani Ramnath, Area 4 Deputy Director Jodi Evans, Area 5 Deputy Director Leah Peake, Board Governance Manager			

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 1:02 p.m. with a Call to Order by Board Chair Eric Johnson. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Brown gave public comment - wanted to know what the procedure was for handling a death threat at school. He was concerned in how the school handled the situation with his son. What are the proper procedures and was his son's case handled correctly?

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- FY26-27 Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION: A motion was made by Andrea Coyle seconded by Randy Walker for approve the FY26-27 board meeting schedule for the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

- Establishment of Sarasota Committee - Rita Weaver presented the Sarasota Committee
- Mrs. Weaver stopped the meeting to address the comments being made in the chat.
- A parent identified themselves and state that the wanted to make a comment.
- They typed into the chat: "Hi, I have also learned of this death threat as it was posted on social media. I would like to know what he protocol is for these incidents, and all parents should be aware of these incidents and whether resolvers then fining ion social medial and driving panic for other parents. Transparency is key."
- Mr. Johnson told the parent that public comment has been closed. The public comment process follows Roberts Rule, state statute, and has been vetted by legal counsel.
- If the parent would like to give comment at another meeting, they can do that at another meeting.
- Mrs. Weaver reminded the board and schools that the zoom link is not for the public. Public members wishing to give comment need to follow the established public comment process.
- The meeting resumed and Mrs. Weaver finished her Sarasota Committee Presentation.

MOTION: A motion was made by Andrea Coyle and seconded by Randy Walker to create a Sarasota Committee and place Andrea Coyle and Eric Johnson on the committee. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0,1)

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Randy Walker reported out on his meeting with Finance. He answered all the board questions.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. February 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes
2. 26-27 Academic Calendars
3. Mental Health Assistance Program
4. FY26-27 Internet Policy

5. Parent Student Handbook Template
6. Technology Decommissioning
7. A+ School Recognition Funds
 - a. Clay Charter School
 - b. College Prep at Wellen Park
 - c. Creekside Charter School
 - d. Henderson Hammock Charter School
 - e. Innovation Prep Academy
 - f. Keys Gate Charter School
 - g. Southshore Charter School
 - h. Winthrop College Prep
 - i. Winthrop Charter School
8. Keys Gate Use Agreement
9. 2024 Project Fund Requisition FFE & IT
10. School Start Time Response to DOE
11. Single Audit Rep Letter
12. YTD February & Q2 FY2026 Presentation
13. YTD February & Q2 FY2026 Financials

MOTION: Motion was made by Andrea Coyle and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the Consent Agenda for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

V. Financial

VI. Old Business

- Clay Preparatory Academy Expansion Update
 - Leah Peake presented the Clay Preparatory Academy Expansion
- Winthrop Charter School Expansion Update
 - Rita Weaver Presented the board Winthrop Charter School Expansion
 - Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Williams to investigate the trademarking of Winthrop and the potential to rename schools in the future.
- Lake County Charles Preparatory Academy Expansion Update

MOTION: Motion was made by Andrea Coyle and seconded by Randy Walker approve the deferral of the charters in Lake County as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

VII. New Business

- Charter Renewals 2027
 - Keys Gate Charter School
 - Henderson Hammock Charter School
 - Waterset Charter School

MOTION: Motion was made by Andrea Coyle and seconded by Randy Walker approve the request for a 15-year renewal for Keys Gate Charter School, Henderson Hammock Charter School, and Waterset Charter School. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

VIII. CSUSA Reports

- State Superintendent Update
 - Dr. Ruiz provided the board an update on state testing, and marketing enrollment and the accountability retreat.

MOTION: A motion was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Andrea Coyle to approve the CSUSA State Superintendent Report for the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Mr. Johnson adjourned the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. February 12, 2026, Board Meeting at 1:56 p.m.



Eric Johnson, Chair

Date: 6.17.26