

MEETING MINUTES

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

Board Meeting: **August 27, 2026**

Schools - Principals:

Cherry Lake Preparatory Academy - Kokx	Southshore Charter Academy – Anda
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 –	Winthrop College Prep Academy – Miller – Greenier, HoS
Innovation Preparatory Academy – Reynolds	Keys Gate Charter School Veras– Verdier, HoS
Sarasota Classical Preparatory Academy - Todd	

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 27, 2026	1:03 PM	2:04 PM	September 24, 2026	1:00 PM	L. Peake/R. Weaver
Meeting Location:					
On-Site Location: Each School					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Eric Johnson – Board Chair Andrea Coyle - Vice-Chair Randy Walker – Treasurer Dr. Steve Knobl – Director Absent: none		Other Attendees: Principals and Parent Facilitators of Above-Mentioned Schools Board Attorney Levi Williams Eddie Ruiz, State Superintendent LaShonda White, Area 1 Deputy Director Christiana Hamlin, Area 6 Deputy Director Dr. Jeff Spiro, Area 3 Deputy Director Nirvani Ramnath, Area 4 Deputy Director Jodi Evans, Area 5 Deputy Director Rita Weaver, Sr. Director, Board Governance Leah Peake, Board Governance Manager			

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 1:03 p.m. with a Call to Order by Board Chair Eric Johnson Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

- Pledge of Allegiance was led by a Keys Gate Charter School Student
- The Singing Knights from Keys Gate Charter School performed for the board.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Travis Coyle a College Preparatory Academy at Wellen Park Parent, gave public comment.
- Mr. Coyle is concerned with classroom procedures and classroom management within the 3rd grade village.

- Are classroom changed being identified, are teachers receiving support, and is leadership following through on parent concerns.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- DECEMBER 2, 2026, board meeting Date Change to November 30, 2026

MOTION: Motion was made by Andrea Coyle and seconded by Randy Walker to approve changing the December 2, 2026, board meeting to November 30, 2026, for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 0 absent)

III. Committee Reports

- Randy Walker reported out on his meeting with Finance including the Cherry Lake Preparatory Academy Bond. He answered all the board questions.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of June 17, 2026, Meeting Minutes
2. Ratification of April 30, 2026, Meeting Minutes
3. FY27 Principal and Parent Facilitator Appointment
4. FY25-26 Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Final Payment
5. FY27 CSUSA Compensation Plan
6. FY27 CSUSA Internet Policy
7. Out of Field Waiver – Henderson Hammock Charter School

- Mr. Johnson pulled item #2 from the Consent Agenda and moved it to old business.

MOTION: Motion was made by Andrea Coyle and seconded by Randy Walker to approve the Consent Agenda, except for item #2, for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 0 absent)

V. Financial

1. Cherry Lake Preparatory Academy Bond

- Board Attorney, Levi Williams and Martha Karasch from Partner Capital presented the Cherry Lake Preparatory Academy Bond.

MOTION: Motion was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Andrea Coyle approve the Cherry Lake Preparatory Academy Bond for Florida Charter Educational Foundation,

Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 0 absent)

2. FY27 Referendum Budgets

- Leah Peake presented the Hillsborough County and Sarasota County referendum budgets.

MOTION: Motion was made by Andrea Coyle and seconded by Randy Walker approve the FY27 Referendum Budgets for Hillsborough County and Sarasota County Referendum Budgets. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 0 absent)

VI. Old Business

- Purple Star Designation School – Winthrop Charter School

MOTION: Motion was made by Andrea Coyle and seconded by Steve Knobl approve the Purple Star Designation for Winthrop Charter School. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 0 absent)

- Ratification of April 30, 2026, Meeting Minutes
 - Leah Peake presented the Ratification of the April 30, 2026

MOTION: Motion was made by Andrea Coyle and seconded by Randy Walker approve the Ratification of the April 30, 2026, meeting minutes for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 0 absent)

- Board Chair, Mr. Johnson passed the gavel to Vice-Chair, Coyle.

VII. New Business

- Winthrop Charter School and Winthrop College Prep Academy K-12 Articulation
 - Mr. Johnson presented the Winthrop Charter School and Winthrop College Prep Academy K-12 Articulation
 - Mr. Johnson requested CSUSA explore the combination of Winthrop Charter School and Winthrop College Prep Academy under one charter and a K-12 model. Mr. Johnson requested the proposal at the September meeting. The proposal should include financial, school grade, logistic, and any other necessary metrics for consideration.
 - Vice-Chair Coyle called for a vote.

MOTION: Motion was made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Randy Walker to approve CSUSA performing due diligence in exploring the K-12 Charter between Winthrop

Charter School and Winthrop College Prep Academy. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 0 absent)

- Charter Contract Renewal Request
 - College Preparatory Academy at Wellen Park – FDOE High Performing Designation
 - Sarasota Classical Preparatory Academy

MOTION: Motion was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Andrea Coyle approve the request for a 10-year charter contract extension for College Preparatory Academy at Wellen Park, for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 0 absent)

MOTION: Motion was made by Steve Knobl and seconded by Andrea Coyle approve the request for a 10-year charter contract extension for Sarasota Classical Preparatory Academy, for Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 0 absent)

VIII. CSUSA Reports

- State Superintendent Update
 - FY26 School Grade Update
 - FY27 School Goals
 - Spring Survey Results
- Dr. Ruiz, CSUSA State Superintendent, undated the board on the start of the school year and presented the FY27 school goals.

MOTION: A motion was made by Randy Walker and seconded by Andrea Coyle to approve the CSUSA State Superintendent Report including FY27 school goals for the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. Motion was approved unanimously. (4-0, 0 absent)

- Mr. Johnson commended Winthrop College Prep for the handling of unfounded school safety concerns at the start of the school year. Mr. Johnson noted that the training the board received at the board retreat was extremely helpful as it provided insight on the policies and procedure during safety situations.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Mr. Johnson adjourned the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC. August 27, 2026, Board Meeting at 2:04 p.m.



Eric Johnson, Chair

Date: 9/24/26