#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Foundation:

Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

**Board Meeting:** 

November 12, 2015

School(s):

Renaissance Charter School at Wellington Renaissance Charter School at Pines

Governors Charter Academy

Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science

School

Renaissance Charter School at Plantation

Renaissance Charter School at Palm West

Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach

Keys Gate Charter School
Keys Gate Charter High School

Duval Charter at Arlington
Duval Charter High at Bay Meadows

**Duval Charter School at Bay Meadows** 

Duval Charter at Mandarin Duval Charter at Southside

**Duval Charter at Westside** 

North Broward Academy of Excellence

North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School

Renaissance Charter School at Flagler Center

Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm Renaissance Charter School at Cypress

Renaissance Charter at University

Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science Middle

Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana

Renaissance Charter School at Summit

Renaissance Middle Charter School
Renaissance Elementary Charter School

Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie

**Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs** 

Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City

Renaissance Charter at Hunter's Creek

Renaissance Charter at Chickasaw Trail

Renaissance Charter School at Tradition

**Four Corners Upper School** 

Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod

**Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry** 

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:		
November 12, 2015	12:02 pm	1:20 pm	December 11, 2015	10:00 pm	A. Craig		
Meeting Location:							

Attended by:				
Board Members:	Other Attendees:			
Ken Haiko, Chair	April Williams, Regional Director, CSUSA			
Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman	Donte Fulton-Collins, Regional Director, CSUSA			
Margaret Wells, Director	Robin Sandler, Regional Director, CSUSA			
Tom Wheeler, Director Stacy Schmit, Regional Director, CSUSA				
Shane Strum, Director	Michelle Thompson, Principal, Duval Charter Scholars Academy			
	Kimberly Stidham, Principal, DCS Baymeadows			
Absent:	Adam Cross, Principal, DCS Flagler Center			
Preston Jones, Director	Dawn Lamb, Principal, DCS Mandarin			
John O'Brien, Director	Ashley Doty, Principal, DCS Southside			
	Tania Woods, Principal, DCS Westside			
	Cindy Calvert, Keefe McCullough			
	Michael Braun, Hamlin Advisors			
	Levi Williams, Board Attorney			
	Matthew Grossman, Assistant Controller, CSUSA			
	Meredith Ross, Sr. Manager of Data Analysis, CSUSA			

Keisha Smith, Director of Board Governance, CSUSA Allison Craig, Governing Board Coordinator, CSUSA
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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting of Renaissance Charter Schools Inc. commenced at 12:02 pm with a Call to Order by Vice-Chairman Dennis Clark. Roll call was taken and quorum established.

#### I. ADMINISTRATIVE

#### Welcome & Announcements

 Vice-Chairman Clark thanked Principal Thompson and her team at Duval Charter Scholars Academy for hosting the meeting at their campus and congratulated her on how great the school looks since the rebranding.

#### II. SCHOOL AUDITS

### **Presentation of Audit Reporting**

- Cindy Calvert of Keefe McCullough presented the School Audit Reporting for the Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. portfolio of schools for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Ms. Calvert shared that the report includes an "unmodified opinion", which indicates a clean report with no issues in obtaining any information from the management company.
- The board discussed the Audit Reporting and any questions were answered by Ms. Calvert and Matthew Grossman.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Margaret Wells to approve the School Audit Reporting for the Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. portfolio of schools for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, as presented. (See attached) Motion was approved (5-0)(2 absent).

#### III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONT.

#### Approval of Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. Minutes from October 5, 2015

 Vice-Chairman Clark asked the Board to review the minutes from October 5, 2015 and to note any changes.

MOTION: Motion was made by Margaret Wells and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. board meeting, as recorded. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### IV. SCHOOL REPORTS

### **School Reports**

### **Duval Charter Scholars Academy**

- Enrollment currently at 557 students with a budgeted amount of 618 students.
- Principal Thompson thanked the board for their support and partnership with CSUSA to introduce the
  rebranding Action Plan to DCSA. She shared that there seems to be a positive shift in the culture at
  the school and feedback in the community seems to be reflecting these changes, as well.
- Principal Thompson reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights, which included a Fall Harvest Festival and a Tutoring Luau.

### **Duval Charter School at Baymeadows**

- Enrollment is currently at 1289 students with a budgeted amount of 1280 students for the lower school, and 537 students with a budgeted amount of 575 students for the high school.
- Principal Stidham reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights, including the College Fairs at the school and SAC Committee meetings.

### **Duval Charter School at Flagler Center**

- Enrollment currently at 419 students with a budgeted amount of 661 students.
- Principal Cross reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights, including a Zaxby's Family Night and a school-wide canned food drive.

#### **Duval Charter School at Mandarin**

- Enrollment currently at 917 students with a budgeted amount of 945 students.
- Principal Lamb reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights, including a very successful Book Fair that earned a large credit for books and Parent University sessions to educate the parents on NWEA and other topics.

#### **Duval Charter School at Southside**

- Enrollment currently at 821 students with a budgeted amount of 920 students.
- Principal Doty reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights, including Positive Behavior Parties and the Fall Festival.

#### **Duval Charter School at Westside**

- Enrollment currently at 870 students with a budgeted amount of 907 students.
- Principal Woods reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights, including Movie Night the upcoming Winter Festival
- Principal Woods also updated the board on the increasingly competitive Volleyball team and the upcoming Girls' and Boys' Basketball tryouts.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

#### **QUEST & NWEA Reporting**

- Meredith Ross presented the board with the QUEST and NWEA Fall Benchmark results for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools.
- Dr. Ross provided insight on areas of growth and comparisons among schools within the portfolio.
- The board discussed these results and any questions were answered by Dr. Ross and the Regional Directors.

### Approval of Keys Gate Charter High School Parent Contract 2016-2017

- The board was presented with the Keys Gate Charter High School Parent Contract for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Principal Baez noted the changes to the verbiage regarding the requirements for parent volunteer hours.
- The board reviewed and discussed the updated document and all questions were answered by Principal Baez and Regional Director Donte Fulton-Collins.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Margaret Wells to approve the Keys Gate Charter High School Parent Contract for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### Approval of ESOL/Out of Field Waivers

• The board was presented with the ESOL/Out of Field Waivers for all schools governed by Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. (See attachment)

The board reviewed and discussed the list of names and all requests for clarity were answered by the Principals and/or Regional Directors.

MOTION: Motion was made by Margaret Wells and seconded by Ken Haiko to approve the list of ESOL/Out of Field Waivers, as presented. (See attachment) Motion was approved unanimously.

#### VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

#### 2015 Bond Closing:

- Michael Braun of Hamlin Capital Advisors presented an update to the board regarding the 2015 Bond Issuance Overview.
- Board Counsel, Levi Williams, provided insight to the bond closing and also advised the board that all documents have been reviewed by a third party.
- The board discussed the final steps in the bond closing process.

MOTION: The Board acknowledges that it has been advised and updated numerous times regarding the terms and conditions of the Series 2015A for approximately \$86,835,000.00 but no more than \$87,000,000.00 and the Series 2015B for approximately \$9,145,000.00 but no more than \$10,000,000.00 bond deals which are now scheduled for closing on or about November 19, 2015. Having had robust debates and public discussions and great consideration, the Board authorizes its Chair, Ken Haiko, to act with the full authority of the Board in affixing his endorsement to any and all necessary documents to effectuate the bond transaction and thereby binding this Board to same; and they further direct Board Counsel, Levi Williams, to work with Tripp Scott and any other necessary entities in effecting their wishes in

Motion was made by Margaret Wells and seconded by Shane Strum to authorize Chairman Haiko to proceed as indicated, as well as to direct Board Counsel, Levi Williams, to act on behalf of the board as it relates to the aforementioned bond closing. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### New Charter Update:

- Mr. Haiko updated the board on his receipt of a formal letter of denial for Renaissance Charter School, Inc.'s application for a high school charter in Palm Beach County.
- The board discussed this outcome and their wishes to proceed with the appeal process.

MOTION: Motion was made by Margaret Wells and seconded by Shane Strum to direct the Board's counsel, Levi Williams, to work with CSUSA and its counsel to appeal the School Board of Palm Beach's denial of their high school charter application.

#### VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Keisha Smith updated the board on the upcoming accreditation school visits. Ms. Smith provided the board with dates and the board members offered their availability.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Margaret Wells and seconded by Shane Strum to adjourn the November 12, 2015 Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. board meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

Ken Haiko, Chairman



### **Audit Reports Presented**

Schools
Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City
Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science
Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science Middle
Keys Gate Charter High School
Renaissance Charter Schools at Pines
Renaissance Charter School at Plantation
Renaissance Elementary Charter School at Doral
Renaissance Middle Charter School at Doral
Renaissance Charter School at University
Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs
North Broward Academy of Excellence
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Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm
Renaissance Charter School at Palms West
Renaissance Charter School at Summit
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# Duval Charter School at Southside ESOL AND OUT OF FIELD WAIVERS

	TEAC	<u>TEACHERS' NAME</u>		Reading	<u>Gifted</u>	<u>Other</u>	OOF WAIVER
	FIRST	<u>LAST</u>					
1	Enter First Name	Enter last Name	X	X			Х
2	Kali	Law	Х	Х			
3	Vincent	Martin	Х	х		Eng 5-9	
4	Kristian	Barnhart	Х				
5	Martha	Baugh	Х				
6	Ashley	Carpenter	х				
7	Barika	Andrews	Х				
8	Megan	Wells	Х				
9	Brandy	Walter	Х				
10	Robin	Siegers	Х				
11	Cobi	Gainous	Х				

## RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL AT CYPRESS ESOL AND OUT OF FIELD WAIVERS

	TEAC	HERS' NAME	<u>ESOL</u>	Reading	<b>Gifted</b>	OOF WAIVER
	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>				
1	Enter First Name	Enter last Name				
2	Tiffany	Alexander	х			н л
3	Amanda	Alpert	Х			
4	Chantaay	Binns	Х			
5	Meagan	Dettling	Х			11
6	Rosalyn	Moore	Х			
7	Kathlene	Rainey	Х			
8	Donal	Ricks	Х			
9	Andrea	Shaw	Х			
10	Lauren	Shinbrot	Х			
11	Richard	Witherspoon	Х			

# Duval CHARTER SCHOOL at Baymeadows and Duval Charter High ESOL AND OUT OF FIELD WAIVERS

	<u>TEACHERS' NAME</u>		<u>ESOL</u>	Reading	<u>Gifted</u>	OOF WAIVER
	FIRST	<u>LAST</u>			25-20-00	
1	Brook	Hicks	Х			
2	Connor	Bussiere	Х			
3	Jennifer	Creamer	Х			
4	Sonya	Holmes	Х			
5	Elizabeth	Vavrock	X			
6	Eden	Reynolds	Х			
7	Allison	Shaffer	Х			
8	Krista	Strom	Х			
9	Angie	Thompson	Х			
10	Sheila	Warren				
11	Jill	Coggin				Х
12	Rosa	Gallardo				Х

## DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL AT WESTSIDE ESOL AND OUT OF FIELD WAIVERS

	<u>TE</u> .	TEACHERS' NAME		Reading	Gifted	OOF WAIVER
	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>				
1	Tammy	Adams	Х			
2	Rasheeda	Braclet	Х			1
3	Amanda	Decker	Х		11	
4	Derrick	Griffith	Х			
5	Dominieq	Ransom	Х		The second	
6	Camelia	Reddish	х			
7	Celeste	Cobb				х

## Renaissance at Goldenrod CHARTER SCHOOL ESOL AND OUT OF FIELD WAIVERS

	TE.	ACHERS' NAME	<u>ESOL</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Gifted</u>	OOF WAIVER
	FIRST	<u>LAST</u>				
1	Deborah	Aguiar	х			
2	Denise	Catino-Kuker	х			
3	Ashley	French-Scott	х			
4	Priscilla	Mendez	х			
5	Ericka	Polanco	х			
6	Eunice	Lozada	х			
7	Rachel	Woodhull	х			

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		ESOL AND C	UT OF FIELD	WAIVERS	i	
	TEA	CHERS' NAME	ESOL	Reading	Gifted	OOF WAIVER
	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>				
1	Jaleesa	Parks			±	X

		HAAS CHA	ARTER HIGH	SCHOOL		
		ESOL AND O	UT OF FIELD	WAIVERS		
	TEA	ACHERS' NAME	ESOL	Reading	Gifted	OOF WAIVER
	FIRST	LAST				
1	Chelsea	Beilly	Х			