

## MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc.

Board Meeting: June 26, 2020

### School(s):

Renaissance Charter School at Wellington

Renaissance Charter School at Pines

Renaissance Charter at University

Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science  
School

Renaissance Charter School at Plantation

Palms West Charter School

Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach

Renaissance Elementary Charter School

Keys Gate Charter High School

Duval Charter Scholars Academy

Duval Charter High at Bay Meadows

Duval Charter School at Bay Meadows

Duval Charter School at Coastal

Duval Charter at Mandarin

Duval Charter at Southside

Duval Charter at Westside

North Broward Academy of Excellence

North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School

Duval Charter School at Flagler Center

Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm

Governors Charter Academy

Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek

Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science Middle

Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana

Renaissance Charter School at Summit

Renaissance Middle Charter School

Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie

Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs

Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City

Renaissance Charter School at Hunters Creek

Renaissance Charter School at Crown Point

Renaissance Charter School at Cypress

Renaissance Charter at Chickasaw Trail

Renaissance Charter School at Tradition

Four Corners Upper School

Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod

Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
June 26, 2020	10:38am	12:48pm	TBD	TBD	R. Weaver
<b>Meeting Location:</b>					
Telephonic/Virtual Meeting pursuant to Governor DeSantis Executive Order 20-69 dated March 20, 2020					
<b>Attended by:</b>					
<b>Board Members:</b>		<b>Other Attendees:</b>			
Ken Haiko, Chairman		Principals at above schools			
Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman		Levi Williams, Board Attorney			
Billie Miller, Director		Ed Pozzouli, General Counsel, CSUSA			
John O'Brien, Director		Dr. David Christiansen, Chief of Schools, CSUSA			
Paul Sallarulo, Director		Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Florida Director			
Pat Smith, Director		Nate Mariano, Area Deputy Director			
		Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area Director			
		Rita Weaver, Board Governance Manager, CSUSA			
<b>Absent:</b>		Jodi Evans, Area Director			
Tom Wheeler, Treasurer		Michael Braun, Hamlin Partners			
		Richard Garcia, CFO, CSUSA			

## CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:38 am with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established. Mr. Haiko thanked everyone for joining in for the meeting in person and on zoom and thanked the State Team for leading by example and having the Principals Leadership Academy virtually and blended.

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the April 07, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of the June 19, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Budget)

Approval of the June 19, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Bond)

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes above.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Meeting Minutes from the April 07, 2020 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board meeting, the June 19, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for the FY21 Budget Review, and the June 19, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for the 2020 CD Bond Review, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent).

### II. CSUSA REPORTS

Ed Pozzuoli, General Counsel for CSUSA, updated the board on the Teacher pay legislation that Governor DeSantis signed on June 24, 2020 and answered board questions regarding the implementation of the pay and impact on teachers' pay. Mr. Pozzuoli answered all questions for the Board. Mr. Pozzuoli discussed the Governing Board Policy for Re-Opening and the steps that CSUSA was taking in order to have a safe school re-opening in August. Mr. Pozzuoli also discussed the necessity for the board to hire Guardians at three of its schools. All questions were answered by Mr. Pozzuoli.

#### Mobile Learning Plan

- Dr. David Christiansen reported out to the Board the Mobile Learning plan and reviewed the NEI Guide for School Re-Opening and the Mobile Classroom kit along with the goals and expectations of learning. Dr. Christiansen noted that reopening would differ in each county and that we would be following all CDC Guidelines and Local Guidelines. Dr. Eddie Ruiz advised the Board that the curriculum would remain the Ed Model 2.0 and only the delivery would be impacted. The board discussed other technology necessary as well as the plan to be flexible should another shut down due to COVID occur. All questions were answered by Dr. Christiansen and Dr. Ruiz.

### III. FINANCIALS

#### 2020 Bond CD

- The Finance Committee reported to the Board the findings of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regarding the 2020 Bond CD and Michael Braun of Hamlin Partners and Richard Garcia discussed the disbursement of the proceeds of the Bond.
- The Board Members heard from its attorney, Levi Williams, Esq., and had robust discussions regarding terms, purpose and adoption of the *Resolution of The Board of Directors of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.* ("Board Resolution).

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to adopt the Transaction Documents and Board Resolution authorizing and approving the issuance of the 2020 C and D Bond Series pursuant to the Indenture, the use and distribution of the LOM and PLOM by the Underwriter in connection with the sale of the Bonds; and authorize the Chair, or his designee, and the team to move forward with the execution of all necessary action to close the Bonds, for the benefit of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### Q3 FY20 Financial Review

#### FY20 Support Center Cost Reimbursement

- Damon Schnurr reported the Q3 FY20 Financial Summary Review to the Board. Myrna Laine Hyppolite reported to the board the FY20 Support Center Cost Reimbursement adjustments to contract. Mrs. Laine-Hyppolite answered all questions from the Board.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by John O'Brien and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Q3FY20 Financial Review and the FY20 Support Center Cost Reimbursement schedule for the portfolio of schools for Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### FY21 Budget Review

#### FY 21 Support Center Cost Reimbursement Summary

#### FY21 Incremental Rent Forgiveness

- The Finance Committee reported to the Board the findings of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regarding the FY21 Budget Review. The Board discussed the Finance Committee findings as well as discussing the teacher pay increase and the Governor's plan and how CSUSA will be implementing the salary increases. The Board asked CSUSA to consider how to also compensate the experienced teachers in order to retain the experienced teachers.
- Myrna Laine Hyppolite also reviewed the FY21 Support Center Cost Reimbursement Summary and FY21 Rent Forgiveness from Red Apple.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the FY21 Budget Review, which includes the Capital Improvement projects presented and the FY21 Support Center Cost Reimbursement Summary for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as listed above, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### Foundation Audit Report

- The Board reviewed the Foundation Audit Report by Keefe McCullough for the FY19. The board noted it was a clean review.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by John O'Brien to accept the FY19 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Foundation Audit Review from Keefe McCullough, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### Governing Board Policy on Re-Opening

- The board reviewed the Policy on Re-Opening Schools and Educational Delivery Options and discussed earlier in the meeting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Governing Board Policy on Re-Opening Schools and Educational Delivery Options, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

##### Out of Field Waivers

- The board reviewed the Out of Field Waivers for Four Corners Upper School.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Out of Field Waivers for Four Corners Upper School, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

##### Agreement to Earn

- The board reviewed the letter presented by Duval Charter School at Coastal for an extension of an Agreement to Earn to align with the DOE extensions on Agreements to Earn and certifications expiring June 30, 2020. The board discussed allowing the Principals of their portfolio of schools to file Agreement to Earn in between board meetings with the Principals bringing said Agreements back to the board for ratification.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Agreement to Earn to for Duval Charter School at Coastal and authorize each Principal of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools to submit extensions on Agreements to Earn and bring back to the board for ratification, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

##### Mental Health Plan

- The board reviewed drafts of the 2020-21 Mental Health Allocation Plan and noted that it aligns with the MSD Law.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by John O'Brien to approve the FY2020-2021 Mental Health Plan for Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Billie Miller to amend the previous motion on the 2020-21 Mental Health Plan. Motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the FY20-21 Mental Health Allocation Plan for the following districts: Broward, Dade, Palm Beach, Osceola, and Duval and to approve the following districts to opt into the District Mental Health Plan: St. Lucie, Orange, and Leon Counties, for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented.

Parent/Student Handbook

- The board reviewed a draft of the 2020-21 School Year Parent/Student Handbook and noted only minor changes. The Board noted that an addendum for COVID19 would be forthcoming and necessary.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by John O'Brien to approve the 2020-2021 Parent/Student Handbook with the addendum of language pertaining to COVID 19 for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Security Assessment Review Form and Policy

- The board reviewed the Security Assessment Review Form, Threat Assessment Policy, Behavior Threat Assessment Procedures, and Sample Incident Form submitted to the Office of Safety and Security of the DOE.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by John O'Brien and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the 2020-2021 Security Assessment Review Form, Threat Assessment Policy, Behavior Threat Assessment Procedures, and Sample Incident Form, for the portfolio of schools of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. governing board, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Security at Schools

- The board discussed coverage of security at the schools in order to comply with the MSD Law and the need to hire Guardians at three of their schools: Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science, Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs, and Renaissance Charter School at Plantation.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the hiring of Guardians at Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science, Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs, and Renaissance Charter School at Plantation, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

2020-2021 Board Meeting Calendars

- The board reviewed a draft of the 2020-21 board meeting calendars and noted that the locations could not be determined as of yet, due to COVID19 restrictions.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the 2020-2021 Board Meeting calendar Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**



Broward County Charter Amendment

- The Board reviewed the Broward County 2020-21 School Year calendar and corrected a clerical/typo error on the calendar previously approved. The board also noted that it would like to amend the charters for their Broward Schools to align with the standard charter that allows a charter to have a different calendar than the district said school resides.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the 2020-21 Broward School calendar and to request that the Charters for the following schools are amended to allow the Board flexibility with the school calendar: Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science, Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science Middle School, North Broward Academy of Excellence, North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School, Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City, Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs, Renaissance Charter School at Pembroke Pines, Renaissance Charter School at Plantations, Renaissance Charter School at University. Motion was approved unanimously.

Miami Dade Calendar

- The Board reviewed the Miami Dade Calendar and made an adjustment in order to allow teachers to receive full pay for the month of August.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by John O'Brien to approve the Miami-Dade Calendar for Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod Renewal Update

- Billie Miller updated the board on the Orange County School Board Meeting and outlined the areas of concern and noted that the investigation found that there was no basis for complaint. Ms. Miller recommended that the Board work with the Orange County School board to build a better relationship and noted that the school and board is compliant with all requirements. Ms. Miller noted that there continues to be a disconnect with the Districts and how they classify temp teachers working on certifications.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- There were no public comments.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to adjourn the Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. June 26, 2020 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

  
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Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 8-12-2020