

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc.

Board Meeting: April 15, 2021

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

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 15, 2021	3:33pm	4:21pm	June 22, 2021	2pm	R. Weaver
Meeting Location:					
Schools listed above					
Attended by:					
Board Members:		Other Attendees:			
Ken Haiko, Chairman		Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director of Florida			
Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman		Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area 1 Deputy Director			
Billie Miller, Director		Rita Weaver, Board Governance Director, CSUSA			
Paul Sallarulo, Director		Levi Williams, Board Attorney			
Tom Wheeler, Treasurer		Dr. Patrick Galatowitsch, Area 2 Deputy Director			
Pat Smith, Director		Lane Morris, Area 3 Deputy Director			
Absent:		Jodi Evans, Area 4 Deputy Director			
John O'Brien, Director					

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 3:33pm with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Officers and Directors Elections

- The board chair called for nominations for Board Chair.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to elect Ken Haiko as Chairman of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

- The board chair called for nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to elect Dennis Clark as Vice Chair of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Motion was approved unanimously.

- The board chair called for nominations for Treasurer.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to nominate Tom Wheeler as Treasurer of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Motion was approved unanimously.

Conflict of Interest Policy

- The board reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Re-Appointments

- The board chair reviewed the Committee appointments:
 - Finance Committee: Paul Sallarulo and Dennis Clark
 - Academic Committee: Billie Miller and John O'Brien
 - Security Committee: Tom Wheeler
 - Community Outreach: Pat Smith

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Committee Re-Appointments for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the March 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the March 10, 2021 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the March 10, 2021 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. meeting minutes, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. CSUSA REPORTS

Chief of Schools Update

- Rita Weaver, Director of Governance, thanked the board for attending the New American Hero event honoring the teachers.
- Mrs. Weaver updated the board on pending legislation that will allow CSUSA to continue the mobile learning model and being able to leverage the best teachers across the network of schools.
- Billie Miller noted that she has concerns for the teachers and schools if this is not implemented in a strategic way.

State Director Update

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz updated the Board on Executive Order 20 which outlined options for FSA grade reporting, high school graduation waivers, and creating a FAQ for parents to understand that they must bring students in person for testing.

Facilities Update

- The Board reviewed the Facilities Updates for all the schools in the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools.
- Dr. Ruiz updated the board on tax revenue that Duval County voted on that would allow the Duval schools to have additional capital improvement projects submitted and that CSUSA would bring those to the board at the June meeting. The board thanked CSUSA Facility Managers for the report and liked the format.

IV. FINANCE

FY21 Audit Engagement Letter

- The board reviewed the FY21 Audit Engagement Letters from Keefe McCullough for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the FY21 Audit Engagement Letters from Keefe McCullough for Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Osceola Charter Application Update

- The Board discussed the April 20th Osceola School Board hearing date for the School Board to vote on the two new charter applications.

Charter Renewal Updates

- Rita Weaver updated the board that Duval School Board Attorney has sent over the contracts for Duval Charter High School and Duval Charter School at Westside for review and it is the model contract with some minor changes. The recommendation was for a 15 year and 5-year renewal, respectively. The Renaissance Charter School at Plantation contract was sent to the School Board for approval. The Keys Gate Charter High School contract is currently in negotiations with Miami Dade County Public Schools.

CARES Grants II Update

- Rita Weaver updated the board that districts are starting to announce the allocations for each of the schools and that the draft budgets are being submitted and will be brought before the board once the districts have approved them.

Teacher Certification Extension

- The board reviewed the letters of request for extensions on teacher certification in the packet. Ms. Miller is concerned that so many teachers have had their certifications get so close to expiration and hopes that there is monitoring at the leadership level occurring. Dr. Ruiz outlined the process and assistance being given to teachers to maintain certification.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to accept and submit the request for deadline extensions of teaching certificates, as outlined and presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Out of Field Waivers

- The Board reviewed the out of field waivers.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the out of field waivers presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

School Year 2021-22

- The board reviewed the SY22 calendars which noted the following:
 - Miami Dade County schools switched two professional development days for instructional days in order to have the full Thanksgiving break;
 - Broward has the same full day instructional days and one additional early release day;
 - Palm Beach is following the Palm Beach district calendar and added in 2 school days for 12 month employees;

- St. Lucie has the same number of instructional days as the district with 2 different professional development days;
- Osceola schools follow the Osceola district calendar;
- Orange schools follow the district calendar with different weather make up days;
- Duval schools follow the district calendar;
- Governors Charter Academy follows Leon district calendar.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the SY22 Calendars for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- The board reviewed the Security Contracts and Coverage to comply with the MSD law, which noted the following:
 - The three Guardians employed by Renaissance Charter School, Inc. will not be renewing the contracts and will have coverage by Dynamic Integrated Security. All other Broward schools will maintain present coverage;
 - Dade, Duval, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie will maintain the present coverage;
 - Governors Charter Academy will move to Dynamic Integrated Security.
- Tom Wheeler, the Security Committee member, advised the board that he does not think it is in the Board's interest to have security employees and is happy to see that CSUSA is arranging for the Board to contract to meet the MSD Law requirements.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Security coverage as outlined to comply with the MSD Security Law, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- The board reviewed the SY22 enrollment policy which complies with state statute.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the Enrollment Policy for the FY22 School Year, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were no public comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chairman Haiko adjourned the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. April 15, 2021 board meeting at 4:21pm.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 5-25-21