

# MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc.

Board Meeting: November 10, 2021

School(s):

Duval Charter Scholars Academy	Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek
Duval Charter High School	Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm
Duval Charter School at Bay Meadows	Renaissance Charter at Chickasaw Trail
Duval Charter School at Coastal	Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs
Duval Charter School at Flagler Center	Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City
Duval Charter at Mandarin	Renaissance Charter School at Crown Point
Duval Charter at Southside	Renaissance Charter School at Cypress
Duval Charter at Westside	Renaissance Elementary Charter School at Doral
Four Corners Upper School	Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod
Governors Charter Academy	Renaissance Charter School at Hunters Creek
Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science	Renaissance Middle Charter School at Doral
Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science Middle School	Renaissance Charter School at Pines
Keys Gate Charter High School	Renaissance Charter School at Plantation
North Broward Academy of Excellence	Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana
North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School	Renaissance Charter School at Summit
Tradition Preparatory High School	Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie
	Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry
	Renaissance Charter School at Tradition
	Renaissance Charter School at University
	Renaissance Charter School at Wellington
	Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach

*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 10, 2021	10:33 am	11:50 am	December 15, 2021	10:30 am	M.Llanes/ R.Weaver
<b>Meeting Location:</b>					
Schools Listed above					
<b>Attended by:</b>					
<b>Board Members:</b> Ken Haiko, Chairman Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman Billie Miller, Director John O'Brien, Director Paul Sallarulo, Director Tom Wheeler, Treasurer  Absent: Pat Smith, Director			<b>Other Attendees:</b> Levi Williams, Board Attorney Principals and Parent Facilitators at above schools Rita Weaver, Board Governance Director, CSUSA Dr. David Christiansen, Chief of Schools, CSUSA Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director of Florida Rachel Windler Freitag Area 1 Deputy Director Dr. Patrick Galatowitsch Area 2 Deputy Director Jodi Evans, Area 4 Deputy Director Christina Hamlin, Area 5 Deputy Director Ed Pozzouli, General Counsel Penny Walcott, Finance Director Ron LaFoy, ABC Mechanical		

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:33 a.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

### **I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Chair Haiko called for public comments. There were no public comments.

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### Approval of the September 30, 2021 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the meeting minutes from the September 30, 2021 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board meeting, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)**

### **III. CSUSA REPORTS**

#### State Director Report

- Dr. Ruiz and Dr. Galatowitsch participated in a 5k run fundraiser and thanked Paul Saralullo for allowing participation and is looking forward to next year.
- Dr. Ruiz reviewed the 2021-2022 School Strategic Goals for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools focusing on the Tier 3 schools' data and initiatives. The board discussed the benchmarks and monitoring process.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarullo and seconded by Dennis Clark to accept the school strategic goals for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

- COVID Update – Dr. Ruiz updated the board on the ongoing protocols in the schools and that the number of cases continues to drop.
- The board reviewed ESSER III Priorities and FLDOE guidance, which included ESSER I and ESSER II being utilized prior to ESSER III funds being utilized, 20% use to offset learning loss, and mental health initiatives. Increasing teacher quality and compensation are highest priority for CSUSA. The board discussed when they would see the teacher compensation plan and Dr. David Christiansen advised it would be presented to the board by the January meeting.
- The board requested that the Finance Committee have an opportunity to review prior to the board meeting. The board also discussed the timelines for district and state review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Haiko called for public comment on the ESSER III Grants Budgets and Allocations. There were no public comments.**



**MOTION: Motion was made by John O'Brien and seconded by Dennis Clark to direct CSUSA to apply and submit for ESSER II Grants Allocation on the Renaissance Charter School, Inc.'s portfolio of schools' behalf. Motion was approved unanimously.**

- The board reviewed the enrollment count for October 2021. Marketing will present at the December board meeting.

#### **IV. FINANCIALS**

##### FY21 Audited Financial Review

- Bill Benson, Audit Partner from Keefe McCullough reviewed the FY21 Audited Financial results for the Renaissance Charter School, inc. portfolio of schools and each school was given an unmodified opinion with no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies. All Audited Financial Results were submitted timely to the appropriate districts.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to accept the FY21 Audited Financial Review and Results, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

##### Charter Renewal Updates

- Board member Billie Miller updated the board on the following schools up for renewal:
  - Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek
  - Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry

Ms. Miller updated the board that she had attended the Osceola site visit for both schools and complimented the district on its renewal process and partnership with charter schools. Principal Julie Ramirez and Principal Sandy Owens, respectively, shared with the board the presentations they presented at the site visits.

- Updates were given for Governors Charter Academy, Renaissance Charter School at University, Duval Charter School at Coastal, and Renaissance Charter School at Crown Point
- Mr. Haiko commended the schools for their excellent presentations.

##### Palm Beach County Tax Referendum

- The board reviewed the Palm Beach County Referendum Plans presented to Palm Beach County.

**Motion: A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to ratify the Palm Beach County Referendum Plans for the following schools: Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm, Renaissance Charter School at Cypress, Renaissance Charter School at Summit, Renaissance Charter School at Wellington, Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

#### Duval Tax Referendum Plan

- The board reviewed the Duval Tax Referendum Allocations for the Duval schools and reviewed possible projects eligible for those plans.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by John O'Brien to direct CSUSA to budget the Duval school allocations and to approve the HVAC purchases for DCSA. Motion was approved unanimously.**

#### December Meeting Date

- Chair Haiko reviewed the December board meeting and the conflict with a district visit.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by John O'Brien to edit the 2021-2022 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board meeting calendar by rescheduling the Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion was approved unanimously.**

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### Bond Reissue, Duval Charter High School

Mr. Levi William advised that it was a previous Bond Refinance project in 2020, not a Bond Reissue, and that Michael Braun from Hamlin Partners will have a presentation at the December meeting. One of the projects is the Duval Charter High School gymnasium and additional seats. No action is currently necessary.

#### Business Development

- Ms. Weaver reviewed that the bond funds previously discussed are being used for projects at Duval Charter High School and Renaissance Charter School at Hunters Creek ("HUNT"), adding seats at both. Orange County Charter Office sent a letter correcting a scribes error in the charter for HUNT allowing for the expansion
- Ms. Miller pointed out that traffic is a concern at HUNT. Dr. Ruiz advised that the city and district have traffic analysis as part of their review process.

#### Out of Field Waivers

- The Board reviewed the Out of Field Waivers.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Out of Field Waivers, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

#### Title I Plan and Budget Approvals

- The Board reviewed the Title I Plan and Budget for Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science and Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science, Middle School.

#### Title I and IDEA Plan and Budget Approvals

- The board reviewed the Title I Budget Plan and IDEA Plan for Governors Charter Academy

Title I Plan and Budget Approval

- The Board reviewed the Title I Plan and Budget for Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs

**MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by John O'Brien to approve the Title I and IDES Plans and Budgets for Hollywood Academy of the Arts and Sciences, Hollywood Academy of the Arts and Sciences Middle School, Governors Charter Academy, and Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Chair Haiko adjourned the November 10, 2021 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting at 11:50am.**



---

Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 12-15-21

