

# MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc.

Board Meeting: March 11, 2022

School(s):

Duval Charter School at Baymeadows - Stidham	Renaissance Charter at Chickasaw Trail - Suriano
Duval Charter High School at Baymeadows - Stidham	Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs – L. Self
Duval Charter School at Coastal - Hilliker	Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City - Epstein
Duval Charter School at Flagler Center - Cook	Renaissance Charter School at Crown Point - Taylor
Duval Charter at Mandarin - <del>Hulshult</del> <i>Harvey</i>	Renaissance Charter School at Cypress - Wester
Duval Charter Scholars Academy - Connolly	Renaissance Elementary Charter School Doral - Torres
Duval Charter at Southside - Sauer	Renaissance Middle Charter School Doral - Castellanos
Duval Charter at Westside - Profitt	Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod - Mendez
Four Corners Upper School - Thompson	Renaissance Charter School at Hunters Creek-Knowles
Governors Charter Academy - Chambers	Renaissance Charter School at Pines - Cavell
Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science - Giordano	Renaissance Charter School at Plantation - Humphrey
Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science MS - Giordano	Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana - Gomez
Keys Gate Charter High School - Verdier	Renaissance Charter School at Summit - Czeskleba
North Broward Academy of Excellence – M. Hage	Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie - Coburn
North Broward Academy of Excellence MS – M. Hage	Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry - Owens
Tradition Preparatory High School - Brown	Renaissance Charter School at Tradition - Wilson
Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek - Ramirez	Renaissance Charter School at University - White
Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm - Samuels	Renaissance Charter School at Wellington - Hamilton
	Renaissance Charter School West Palm Beach-Lupton

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
March 11, 2022	10:33 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	April 6, 2022	10:30 a.m.	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 Tom Wheeler, Treasurer Billie Miller, Director John O'Brien, Director Paul Sallarulo, Director Pat Smith, Director			<b>Other Attendees:</b> Principals and Parent Facilitators at above listed schools Dan Verdier, Principal, Keys Gate Charter High School Corrine Baez, Principal, Keys Gate Charter School Rita Weaver, Board Governance Director, 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 Lisanne Morton, Finance Maggie Llanes, Executive Coordinator for Board Governance		
<b>Absent:</b> none					

## 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**

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

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- State Representative Daniel Horton-Diaz visited and was part of the public.

Approval of the February 2, 2022, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the meeting minutes from the February 2, 2022, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (7-0)**

**III. CSUSA REPORTS**

School Presentation

- Keys Gate Charter High School students performed for the board and were outstanding. The board asked them questions pertaining to their future goals in their field of interest. Student Diaz shared with the board her design which concentrates on how colors affect our personality. Student Santiago acted out a scene and shared her passion for acting under the direction of Teacher, Mr. Jaime.
- The Mayor of Homestead visited the school and introduced himself to the governing board and offered assistance as needed as the school is a good partner with the City of Homestead.

State Director Report

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz presented the Enrollment Updates and its breakdown reporting and noted building capacity vs. enrollment. The board reviewed the results and requested updates on how the enrollment and marketing team is looking to increase enrollment, especially at those schools that missed their enrollment targets.
- Principal Brown from Tradition Preparatory High School shared that the school now has a waiting list and has enrolled more than 100 Sophomores this year. If this trend continues, the school can enroll 300 additional Freshmen next year
- Dr. Ruiz shared updates from the State Directors' Retreat last month and Board Member Billie Miller updated the board on her attendance at the State Directors' Retreat and wanted to hear about the feedback from the Principals and staff on the short, mid, and long term initiatives derived from the meeting
- Dr. Ruiz shared information regarding the school dashboards and was able to inform of a lot of green positive areas. There were also some proficiencies and red in a few areas such as Science, Civics, therefore has initiated crunch time for them. Math and ELA are also being monitored. A lot of academic tutors are needed and more 1:1 interactions of students with tutors, as well as more bodies in the classrooms with kids focusing in. 2022, and long-term initiatives, from fall to December 2022, in place based on the data and to drive small group instruction. Board member Tom Wheeler liked that the State Leadership was not just focusing on Tier 3 schools, but also working with Tier 1 and 2 schools to identify areas that have opportunities of improvement and doing the preventative work needed to continue to succeed.

- Principal Verdier and Principal Baez updated the board on the initiatives in Keys Gate, creating Keys Gate Nation, and the identifying the way the school leaderships observes and analyzes the data.
- Board Member Miller informed the board of her visit to Keys Gate K-8 and was impressed with the Seniors from Keys Gate Charter High School who go read to the little ones, therefore, showing K-12 students having the ability to use older students to assist them.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to accept the State Director's Report, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

#### **IV. FINANCIALS**

- Lisanne Morton reviewed the Q2 FY22 unaudited financials for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools.
- Board Member Miller inquired about compensation for support staff. And Dr. Ruiz explained they are reviewing the issue with leaders and will follow up. Ms. Miller asked for a report on the non-instructional staff and can the format be the same as the TCP format for teachers.

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

##### **Renaissance Charter School at University Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

- The board reviewed the Renaissance Charter School at University Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan which are typically presented together.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Renaissance Charter School at University Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A+ Funds Recognition**

- The board reviewed the A+ Funds Recognition votes for Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm and Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach. The FLDOE has not sent out communication whether this will be included in this years budget. The board wants to approve in the event that the State issues funds.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the A+ Funds Recognition votes , as presented. Motion was approved (Yay-6-0, Abstain-Miller)**

##### **2012 Bond Re-Issue Resolution**

- The board reviewed the 2012 Bond Re-Issue Resolution presentation in the packet.
- Board Member Clark reviewed it in detail, had a pre-call with CFO Richard Garcia, and recommended approval of the resolution.
- Mr. Michael Braun reviewed the of the transaction and all questions were answered.
- Attorney Williams asked the board to approve bond effort for 2022 series not to exceed \$68 million and for each school not to exceed \$17 million.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to pass the 2012 Bond Re-Issue Resolution contained herein, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**MOTION: A motion was made by Paul Salarullo and seconded by Pat Smith to approve te 2012 Bond Cost of Issuance terms and conditions contained herein, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Office of Safe Schools Audit – Osceola County

- The board reviewed the Office of Safe Schools Audit from the state and Osceola County. The Office of Safe Schools from the State DOE is now performing unannounced audit visits. Two schools had findings during their last visit, information found in board packet. These findings were corrected, and responses sent.
- Dr. Ruiz updated the board on unannounced and announced visits and monitoring being performed by CSUSA Security department and director of security.
- Board Member Wheeler requested to have an update on the rest of the portfolio of schools monitoring visits.

Out of Field Waivers

- The board reviewed the Out of Field Waivers.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Out of Field Waivers, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

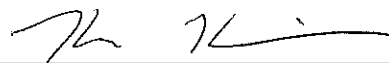
Teacher Certificate of Extension

- The board reviewed the Teacher Certificate of Extension for Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Teacher Certificate of Extension, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Board Chair Haiko adjourned the March 11, 2022, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting at 11:45 a.m.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 4-6-22