

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc.

Board Meeting: **April 6, 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 - Harvy	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

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 6, 2022	10:37 a.m.	11:46 a.m.	June 28, 2022	10:30 a.m.	M.Llanes/R.Weaver

Meeting Location:

Schools Listed above

Attended by:

Board Members:

Ken Haiko, Chairman
 Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman and Secretary
 Tom Wheeler, Treasurer
 Billie Miller, Director
 John O'Brien, Director
 Paul Sallarulo, Director
 Pat Smith, Director

Absent: none

Other Attendees:

Principals and Parent Facilitators at above listed schools
 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
 Maggie Llanes, Executive Coordinator for Board Governance

CALL TO ORDER

- Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:37 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

Annual Meeting, Officers Elections

- The board nominated and elected the officers of the Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. for the new year as follows:
 - Board Chair

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to reappoint Ken Haiko as Chair of the Board, as nominated. Motion was approved unanimously. (7-0)

- Board Chair Ken Haiko accepted and thanked all.
 - Vice-Chair/Secretary

MOTION: Motion was made by John O'Brien and seconded by Tom Wheeler to reappoint Dennis Clark as Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Board, as nominated. Motion was approved unanimously.

- Vice-Chair/Secretary Dennis Clark accepted and thanked all.
 - Treasurer

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to reappoint Tom Wheeler as Treasurer of the Board, as nominated. Motion was approved unanimously.

- Treasurer Tom Wheeler accepted and thanked all.

Approval of the March 11, 2022, 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 March 11, 2022, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the March 30, 2022, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by John O'Brien to approve the meeting minutes from the March 30, 2022, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

FY23 Board Meeting Dates

- The board reviewed the FY23 Board Meeting Dates.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the FY23 Board Meeting Dates listed, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Legislative Update

- Rita Weaver updated the board on the legislation that will be effective on July 1 and impact charter school students including the state budget and student FTE allocation, the teacher salary allocation, the auto renewal language and the safety and security changes. The board asked about the Federal Department of Education's Rule making proposals that would have a detrimental impact on charter school students. Board Attorney Levi Williams advised the board that a response will be prepared and once finalized, it will be submitted on behalf of Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. to the U.S. Department of Education.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve Board Chair Haiko to sign and respond on behalf of the board to the U.S. Department of Education, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- The board requested an update by the end of the month on the non-instructional compensation plan that had been discussed at a previous board meeting.
- The board also requested a response for the Executive on this issue.
- The board also discussed what will the additional FTE money be allocated for.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve requesting a memo sent from the Chief Financial Officer to the board via email by the end of April 2022, with a follow up on status of non-instructional compensation, as requested, and also clarification as to whether compensation will be retroactive to January 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. CSUSA REPORTS

School Presentation

- Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science ("HAAS") – Principal Johna Giordanno spoke about the school's population being very diverse and has a strong focus on the the arts, and the school believes students have to be interested in what they are learning in order to shine.
- Ms. Fine, Art teacher at HAAS along with her class, presented various artwork to the board and shared the upcoming art show with the board.

State Director Report

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz shared with the board that this week is Assistant Principals' Week and congratulated all the exceptional AP's that support all their Principals at all of CSUSA's schools. Dr. Ruiz share high school graduation protocols with the board and advised a list of dates would be sent out and requested the board members RSVP to the graduations.
- Dr. Ruiz also updated the board on the progress on the Innovative Pilot Program which is not as popular as anticipated. The schools will continue to run the program through next school year.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by John O'Brien to accept the State Director's Report, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. FINANCIALS

FY22 Audit Engagement Letters

- The board reviewed the FY22 Audit Engagement Letters.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the FY22 Audit Engagement Letters between Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and its portfolio of schools and Keefe McCullough, P.A., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Charter Renewal Update

- The board discussed the Charter Renewal Contract for Renaissance Charter School at University.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Renaissance Charter School at University Contract, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

HVAC

- The board discussed the HVAC Proposal for Duval Charter Scholars Academy.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the HVAC Proposal for Duval Charter Scholars Academy, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Safety and Security Update

- Board Member Tom Wheeler updated the board on his meeting with the Director of Security, Gus Xhudo, Ana Cordal, VP of School Support, and Rita Weaver regarding security and monitoring of the schools and had the following takeaways from that meeting:
- The Florida DOE Office of Safe Schools begin these unannounced visits last year and all principals were advised this year as well- So far this year we have had 2 schools with issues.
- We do not do mystery shoppers, but Gus does unannounced visits at least 2x a year. Ana and National team members also do visits throughout the school year and report back to Ana any discrepancies. Tom requested that we do the 2 visits when students are on campus and suggested that we need to have additional staff under Gus to assist in this task.
- Software monitoring system allows Gus to have compliance oversight on all of the schools.
- Any finding are escalated to Ana Cordal, who meets weekly with the Area Deputies and the Deputies monitor and follow up with the Principals to ensure that they are following all of the safety requirements. This will be included in the Principal evaluation beginning this year and we are drafting acknowledgment forms so that the Principals are aware of the requirements and the consequences. Policy acknowledgement forms were included for this school year and are updated annually. These include best practice and statutory guidelines each school leader must read and acknowledge.
- Tom is satisfied with the monitoring and checklist as well as the staff (National Team) in place to ensure compliance with the safety protocols even when it isn't Gus/Ana that are doing the site visits.

Teacher Certificate Extensions

- The board reviewed the Teacher Certificate of Extensions included in the Board Packet.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to ratify the Teacher Certificate Extensions, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

2022-2023 School Calendars

- The board reviewed the 2022-2023 School Calendars for all the counties and noted the differences as well as confirming that the 180 hours of instruction are met.

MOTION: A motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by John O'Brien to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendars for the Renaissance Charter School Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding for Reunification Venue

- The board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding for Reunification Venue necessary for the new legislation in the MSD law that requires a set reunification site. The board discussed how the current process is and all questions were answered by Eddie Ruiz and Rachel Windler-Freitag.

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Reunification Venue, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- Board Member Tom Wheeler would like for the board to review its Mission and Vision Statements since they may no longer be appropriate as the board has not updated them 1 years.
- The board requested a Board Workshop for half a day to discuss board priorities and the Mission and Vision of the Board.. A committee will be formed to include Board Members Tom Wheeler and Billie Miller, and Board Attorney Levi Williams. Mrs. Weaver will reach out to these committee members with tentative dates.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Board Chair Haiko adjourned the April 6, 2022, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting at 11:46 a.m.


Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 6-28-22