

Special MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

Board Meeting: **May 5, 2023**

Schools and Principals:

Governors Charter Academy – Chambers

The minutes of Sunshine Law meetings need not be verbatim transcripts of the meeting. These minutes are a summary of the events of the meeting.

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
May 5, 2023	10:03am	10:45pm	June 27th	1030am	R. Weaver

Meeting Location: Schools Listed above and Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod

Attended by:

Board Members:

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

Absent: None

Other Attendees:

Principals and Parent Facilitators at above listed schools (or their designees)
Levi Williams, Esq. - Board Attorney
Dr. David Christiansen, Chief of Schools
Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Superintendent and Director of Florida
Christina Hamlin, Area 5 Deputy Director
Rita Weaver, Sr. Director of Board Governance, CSUSA
Ed Pouzzoli, President, Tripp Scott

CALL TO ORDER

- Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:03am 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.

Mr. Ed Pouzzoli updated the board on legislation that has passed both House and Senate in the Florida Legislature and is being sent to Governor DeSantis for signature relating to the sharing of tax millage dollars per district that will now be required to be shared with charter schools on a per student proportional amount increasing over time to 100% share per student.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- None

III. CSUSA REPORTS

- None

IV. FINANCIALS

- None

V. OLD BUSINESS

- None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Governors Charter School Update

- CSUSA leadership updated the board on initiatives to improve the enrollment at Governors.

Escambia

- Overview and Update
- Potential Charter and Lease Approval
- Authority to file a School of Hope Application
 - CSUSA Leadership updated the Board on an opportunity for a Performance Based Charter agreement with Escambia County for Warrington Middle School, which terms were reviewed. The Board discussed the impact of assisting with students and the necessity to create a support team for the panhandle area to include Governors even though Tallahassee and Escambia are 3 hours apart. CSUSA would create an on the ground support team.
 - The Board's concerns included: Staffing for the August start date in May, financial support, and distance from the other RECS schools for support. The Board also requested that the leader that will be appointed for the school be an experienced CSUSA Education Model Leader,
 - The Board requested the following for the next Board meeting: Leadership announcement, teacher compensation, and a presentation with the panhandle plan, including a budget and an executable timeline.

MOTION: Motion by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to accept and enter into a land Lease with Escambia County School District, as presented before this Board, with the provision that this Board authorizes; that should any further negotiations result in changes approved by the Chair and Board Counsel, the subsequent land Lease is hereby adopted by this Board and the Chair is authorized to enter into same with the full authority of this Board. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0)

MOTION: Motion by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to accept and enter into a Performance Based Charter Agreement with the Escambia County School District, as presented before this Board with the provision that, this Board authorizes; that should any further negotiations result in changes approved by the Chair and Board Counsel, the subsequent Performance Based Charter Agreement is hereby adopted by this Board and the Chair is authorized to enter into same with the full authority of this Board. Motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to accept and file the Application for School of Hope presented before this Board with the provision, that this Board authorizes; that should any further changes approved by the Chair and Board Counsel, the subsequent Application for School of Hope is hereby adopted by this Board and the Chair is authorized to enter into same with the full authority of this Board. Motion was approved unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Hearing no objections, Board Chair Ken Haiko adjourned the May 5, 2023, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting at 10:45p.m.



Ken Haiko, Board Chair

Date: 6/27/23