# **MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Foundations: Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

**Board Meeting: August 15, 2023** 

**Schools and Principals:** 

Duval Charter School at Baymeadows - Gilbert	Renaissance Charter at Chickasaw Trail - Proffitt
Duval Charter High School at Baymeadows - Gilbert	Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs – L. Self
Duval Charter School at Coastal - Hilliker	Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City - LeCompte
Duval Charter School at Flagler Center - Cook	Renaissance Charter School at Crown Point - Taylor
Duval Charter at Mandarin - Harvey	Renaissance Charter School at Cypress - Wester
Duval Charter Scholars Academy - Schill	Renaissance Elementary Charter School Doral - Torres
Duval Charter at Southside - Sauer	Renaissance Middle Charter School Doral - Castellanos
Duval Charter at Westside – C. Lane	Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod - Tirado
Four Corners Upper School – Thompson	Renaissance Charter School at Hunters Creek-Knowles
Renaissance Academy-Vaughn	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 - Grajek
North Broward Academy of Excellence – M. Hage	Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie - Carrigan
North Broward Academy of Excellence MS – M. Hage	Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry - Mendez
Tradition Preparatory High School-Coburn	Renaissance Charter School at Tradition - Wilson
Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek – Ramirez/Kotkin	Renaissance Charter School at University - Dean
Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm - Galatowitsch	Renaissance Charter School at Wellington - Greene
Warrington Preparatory Academy-Foster	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:		
August 15, 2023	10:30am	11:32pm	September 26th	TBA	R. Weaver/ L. Peake		
Meeting Location: Schools Listed above and Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod							
Attended by:							
Board Members:		Other Attendees:					
Ken Haiko, Chairman		Principals and Parent Facilitators at above listed schools (or their designees)					
Tom Wheeler, Treasurer		Levi Williams, Esq Board Attorney					

Tom Wheeler, Treasure Billie Miller, Director Pat Smith, Director

Paul Sallarulo, Director

Absent:

Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman and Secretary

Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area 2 Deputy Director
Christina Hamlin, Area 5 Deputy Director

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Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Superintendent of Florida

Dita Wasser Cr. Director of David Cavara

Rita Weaver, Sr. Director of Board Governance, CSUSA

Leah Peake, Board Governance Manager

### **CALL TO ORDER**

• Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:30am 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**

# Approval of the June 27, 2023, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

• The board reviewed the meeting minutes from June 27, 2023, Renaissance Charter Schools Meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the meeting minutes from the June 27, 2023, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board meeting, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 1 absent)

# Approval of the July 26, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

The board reviewed the meeting minutes from July 26, 2023, Renaissance Charter Schools Meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the finance committee meeting minutes from the July 26, 2023, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board meeting, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### III. CSUSA REPORTS

## State Superintendent Update

- Dr. Ruiz updated the board on projected school grades. He noted that 74% of the schools in the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of school are projected to score A's or B's during a baseline proficiency only accountability year. Dr. Ruiz noted that 13 of 38 schools showed improvement and reminded the board that the letter grade is based on proficiency only. The schools showed growth as well, which will be counted moving forward.
- Dr. Ruiz provided an update on Warrington Preparatory Academy's school opening. He told the board that each student was provided with enough uniforms to last a week; this included polo shirts, shorts, pants, and a jacket. The school opened with lower than anticipated enrollment but noted that the number of students is anticipated to grow over the next few weeks.
- Rachel Windler-Freitag discussed the spring survey results with board. This year schools will refocus on the CSUSA Ed Model, including, wellness for Teachers and Students.

#### **Facilities Update**

Mrs. Weaver presented the Emergency Responder Radio System for Renaissance Charter School
at St. Lucie. Tom Wheeler asked if the cost for the new system would be funded by the state. Mrs.
Weaver informed the board the updates are currently not funded by the state. Dr. Ruiz echoed this
statement and noted that other schools in the Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. portfolio of
schools will need updated soon.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to accept the CSUSA State Director's Report and approve the cost of the updated Emergency Responder Radio System for Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

# IV. FINANCIALS

<u>2023 Bond Offering for Renaissance Charter School at Plantation and Renaissance Charter School at University.</u>

 Board Member and Finance Committee Member, Paul Sallarulo, presented the bond offering information from the publicly noticed July 26, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting where all questions were answered by the finance team. Board Attorney Levi Williams reviewed the bond offering documents for legal form and approval. Mr. Sallarulo, on behalf of the Finance Committeemakes the recommendation is to approve the bond offering for both schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the 2023 Bond Offering Resolution for Renaissance Charter School at Plantation and Renaissance Charter School at University for Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

# Renaissance Charter School Inc. Forecast Engagement Letter

 Board Attorney, Levi Williams presented the Forecast Engagement Letter between Renaissance Charter School Inc. and Keefe McCullough, CPA.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the Forecast Engagement Letter between Renaissance Charter School Inc. and Keefe McCullough, CPA. The motion was approved unanimously.

TSIA FY23 Final Expenditure Report – Broward, Duval, Dade, Leon, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie

 The board reviewed the TSIA FY23 Final Expenditure Report – Broward, Duval, Dade, Leon, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to accept the TSIA FY23 Final Expenditure Report – Broward, Duval, Dade, Leon, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie

# V. OLD BUSINESS

#### Mental Health Allocation Plan

• The board reviewed the Mental Health Allocation Plan.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to ratify the Mental Health Allocation Plan for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **Attorney Engagement Letter**

Board Attorney Levi Williams and Mrs. Rita Weaver presented the IRS Audit 2017 Bond Series
 Retainer and Engagement Letter and gave the board an update of the ongoing Audit.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to ratify the Attorney Engagement Letter and Retainer for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

**CSUSA Reading Plan** 

 The board reviewed the CSUSA Reading Plan for Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve CSUSA reading plan for Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agreement between Gaetz Aerospace Institute and Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

• The board reviewed the Agreement between Gaetz Aerospace Institute and Renaissance Charter School, Inc. which is for Four Corners Upper School.

MOTION: A motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the Agreement between Gaetz Aerospace Institute and Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding between DoD Starbase Pensacola, DoD Starbase Youth Program and Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

 The board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between DoD Starbase Pensacola, DoD Starbase Youth Program and Renaissance Charter School, Inc. which is for Warrington Preparatory Academy.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between DoD Starbase Pensacola, DoD Starbase Youth Program and Renaissance Charter School, Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Lease Agreement Renaissance Academy of Arts and Science.

The board reviewed the Lease agreement for Renaissance Academy of Arts and Science.

MOTION: A motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Lease Agreement for Renaissance Academy of Arts and Science between Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and Red Apple at Boggy Creek, LLC, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

<u>Traditions Preparatory High School Mission and Vision Statement</u>

The board reviewed the Traditions Preparatory High School Mission and Vision Statement.

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Traditions Preparatory High School Mission and Vision Statement, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### Principal and Parent Facilitator Appointment

• The board reviewed the Principal and Parent Facilitator Appointment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Tom Wheeler to accept the Principal and Parent Facilitator Appointment for the FY24 school year for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc., portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

# Student Code of Conduct

• The board reviewed the student code of conduct, as presented by Mrs. Weaver.

MOTION: Motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Tom Wheeler to adopt the Student Codes of Conduct, with the charter law, parent student handbook and charter contracts taking precedent where there is conflicting information, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

# CSUSA Student Progression Plan – Duval, Escambia, Palm Beach, St. Lucie

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MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to accept to approve the CSUSA Student Progression Plan in Duval, Escambia, Palm Beach, St. Lucie. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### Out of Field Wavers

• No waivers were presented.

### School Improvement Plan

 The board reviewed the School Improvement Plan for, North Broward Academy of Excellence, North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle, Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs, Renaissance Charter School at Pines Renaissance Charter School at University.

MOTION: A motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the School Improvement Plans for North Broward Academy of Excellence, North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle, Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs, Renaissance Charter School at Pines and Pines Middle School, and Renaissance Charter School at University, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

• Hearing no objections, Board Chair Ken Haiko adjourned the August 15, 2023, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting at 11:32p.m.

Ken Haiko, Board Chair

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Date: September 26, 2023