

# MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundations: Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

Board Meeting: November 8, 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:
November 8, 2023	9:31am	10:27 pm	December 5th	10:00am	R. Weaver/ L. Peake

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

**Attended by:**

**Board Members:**

Ken Haiko, Chairman  
 Tom Wheeler, Treasurer  
 Billie Miller, Director  
 Pat Smith, Director  
 Paul Sallarulo, Director

**Absent:**

Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman and Secretary

**Other Attendees:**

Principals and Parent Facilitators at above listed schools (or their designees)  
 Levi Williams, Esq. - Board Attorney  
 Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Superintendent of Florida  
 LaShonda White, Area 1 Deputy Director  
 Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area 2 Deputy Director  
 Sara Capwell, Area 3 Deputy Director  
 Christina Hamlin, Area 5 Deputy Director  
 Ed Pozzuoli, Tripp Scott  
 Rita Weaver, Sr. Director of Board Governance, CSUSA  
 Leah Peake, Board Governance Manager

## CALL TO ORDER

- Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 9:31am 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.

- The Board Chair moved agenda item “IV. Referendum Audit Request for Broward County, Referendum Allocation and Disbursement Miami-Dade County School, and V. Old Business – Referendum Litigation Update” to the top of the agenda.

IV. Referendum Audit Request for Broward County

IV. Referendum Allocation and Disbursement Miami-Dade County School

V. Old Business – Referendum Litigation Update

- Ed Pozzuoli discussed with the board the Referendum Audit Request for Broward County.
- Ed Pozzuoli provided the board information regarding the Referendum Allocation and Disbursement Miami-Dade County School. He asked the board to file action against Miami-Dade County to obtain the funds owed to the Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. located within Miami-Dade County.
- Mr. Pozzuoli provided the board with a referendum litigation update. He stated that mediation in this case is set for December, and he will provide the board an update as the case progresses.
- Mr. Pozzuoli thanked Board Attorney, Levi Williams and the Board Members for their assistance with the funding issues and asked for the approval of filing of litigation.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the filing of the action of breach of contract and damages presented for Renaissance Charter School, Inc. in Miami Dade County. The motion was approved unanimously. (5-1, 1 absent)**

- After the vote, the Board Chair continued with the regular agenda.

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

Approval of the September 26, 2023, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

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

**MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the meeting minutes from the September 26, 2023, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**III. CSUSA REPORTS**

State Superintendent Update

- Dr. Ruiz updated the board on the accountability retreat that was held in October. The focus centered around marketing and enrollment and how to improve enrollment at the under enrolled schools.
- Dr. Ruiz stated that Keys Gate High School is working with Marketing and Enrollment to increase enrolment and considering other ways to improve the school.
- Dr. Ruiz provided an update on Warrington Preparatory Academy. He provided the FDOE an update on Warrington at the State Board Meeting in October. Warrington was awarded a seven million dollar grant from the Triumph Gulf Coast Board, which will be presented to the board in a future meeting.
- Dr. Ruiz provided a teacher staffing update and presented the school goals for Renaissance Charter Schools portfolio of schools.
- Mr. Wheeler asked if Dr. Ruiz thought there is a correlation between low enrollment, teacher turn over, and school grade.

- Billie Miller said the same schools have the same issues and what are we doing to improve it? She also stated that salary is not the only reason school's struggle. Dr. Ruiz responded stating that coaching for leaders at every level is being provided to improve school culture.
- Billie Miller state that when the board agreed to take on Warrington, she was concerned that CSUSA did not have the infrastructure in place to support this school. Dr. Ruiz stated that interviews are being held to find additional staffing for the school. However, we will not settle for any candidate according to Dr. Ruiz. CSUSA will continue to rotate staff in to support Warrington until the school is fully staffed with the right people.

#### IV. FINANCIALS

##### FY23 Audit Review

- Cindy Calvert, from Keefe McCullough CPA Firm, presented to the board the FY23 Audit results with an unmodified opinion, which is the highest assurance the auditors can give. There were no financial issues noted and no uncorrected statements to be made. Ms Calvert presented all of the required disclosures. The RECS Form 990 is currently being finalized and will be filed within the filing deadline.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the FY23 Audit Review for Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.**

##### FY24 Charter School Salary Distribution Plan

- The board reviewed the FY24 Charter School Salary Distribution Plan

**MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Pat Smith to approve and authorize the filing of the FY24 Charter School Salary Distribution Plan, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.**

#### V. OLD BUSINESS – MOVED UP

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### Indian River State College

- Dual Enrollment Agreement between Indian River State College and Renaissance Charter School, Inc. on behalf of Tradition Preparatory High School.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement between Indian River State College and Renaissance Charter School, Inc, at Tradition Preparatory High School. Motion was approved unanimously.**

- Student Affiliation Agreement between Indian River State College and Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Student Affiliation Agreement between Indian River State College and Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Professional Education General Knowledge Test Waiver

- The board reviewed the Professional Education General Knowledge Test Waivers for:
  - North Broward Academy of Excellence
    - Latoya Spence-Banton
    - Audrey Ware
    - Sylvester Williamson
    - Beverley Harrison
    - Suzette Stephens
    - Yanique White-Bucknor
    - Hiba Ibrahim
    - Sunita McDonald
    - Geraldine Cadet
    - Sonia SaintCyr
  - Renaissance Academy of Arts and Sciences
    - Migdalia Jaca-Mendez
  - Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs
    - Suthasinee Callaway
    - Donnet Ferguson-President
    - Erica Sharp
  - Renaissance Charter School at Cypress
    - Diana Alty
  - Renaissance Charter School at Summit
    - Erin Lipiro
    - Chrispine Oates
  - Renaissance Elementary Charter School
    - Lisi Gonzalez

**MOTION: Motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Professional Education General Knowledge Test Waivers for the teachers listed above. The motion was approved unanimously.**

ESOL and Out of Field Waiver

- The board reviewed the ESOL and Out of Field Waivers for:
  - North Broward Academy of Excellence
    - Dr. Yvonne Bentley
    - Skeeter Siley
    - Chantelle Frazier
    - Percival Supria
    - Kyle Achaibar
    - Mack Allen
    - Kayden Lue
    - Kerry Lyttle
    - Rhonata Matthews
    - Jean-Giles Loudwige
    - Sunita McDonald
    - Sa[[hire Wickham
    - Denise Gamm

- Edmona Nance
- Tiffany Wood
- Yanique White-Bucknor
- Beverly Harrison
- Stacey-Ann Barrett
- Tailey Vazquez
- Marissa Jackson
- Cassandra Green
- Jimmie Butler
- Yvonne Bentley
- Miriam Miller
- Jarrell Pealer
- Syvester Williamson
- Audrey Ware
- Lotoya Spence-Benton
- Ericka Small
- Cherly Simon
- Joan Saraniero
- Matthew Reid
- Hazel Levy
- Joseph Hernandez
- Walter Smith
- Raveen Samad
- Hiba Ibrahim
- Elizabeth McPherson
- Stefan Henry
- Maxine Mclin
- Renaissance Charter Academy at Poinciana
  - Arysabel Adorno
  - Lisbet Aguila
  - Frances Alayon-Franqui
  - Indira Balkaran
  - Nuelda Bascos
  - Rushard Blake
  - Camille Caraballo
  - Issamar Carmona
  - Dorinel Casanova
  - Marilyn Concepcion
  - Yanira Daniel
  - Terronda Fields
  - Silvia Gorritz
  - Luisa Guzman-Acevedo
  - Jailene Hernandez-Perez
  - Lourdelis Jimenez-Jimenez
  - Thelma Jones
  - Tricia Lebediker
  - Elena Llerena Veliz
  - Olga Lopez
  - Jua Lopez Cepero-Escudero

- Luisa Lugo Gomez
- Johnny Naranjo
- Nancy Nieves
- Chantia Petty
- Lilian Rivera-Mulero
- Lindsay Tavarez
- Maritza Torres-Cabreja
- Angel Troche
- Carmen Valle
- Renaissance Charter School at St Lucie
  - Holly Babino
  - Alecander Barton
  - Staci Campbell
  - Ian Campbell
  - Giselle Chaux
- Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry
  - Yashira Acosta Williams
  - Jessica Baptiste
  - Marilyn Bermudez
  - Claudia Betancourt Pasarella
  - Chris-Rene Cadet
  - Keydalisse Cruz-Sanabria

**MOTION: A motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the ESOL and Out of Field for the above-mentioned schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Every Student Succeeds Act – State School Improvement Plan

- Four Corners Upper School
- Renaissance Charter School at Chickasaw Trail
- Renaissance Charter School at Cypress
- Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod
- Renaissance Charter School at Hunters Creek
- Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana
- Renaissance Charter School at Summit
- Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry
- Renaissance Charter School at Wellington

**MOTION: A motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Every Student Succeeds Act – State School Improvement Plan for the above mentioned schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Title I – School Improvement Plan

- North Broward Academy of Excellence
- Renaissance Charter School at Pines
- Renaissance Charter School at University

**MOTION: A motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the Title I – School Improvement Plan for North Broward Academy of Excellence, Renaissance Charter School at Pines, and Renaissance Charter School at University. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

- Hearing no objections, Board Chair Ken Haiko adjourned the November 8, 2023, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting at 10:27a.m.



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**Ken Haiko, Board Chair**

Date: 12-5-23

