

# MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundations: Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

Board Meeting: **August 14, 2024**

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 - Edgar
North Broward Academy of Excellence – M. Hage	Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie - Kerrigan
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 - Anderson	Renaissance Charter School at Wellington - Polly
Warrington Preparatory Academy - Vick	Renaissance Charter School West Palm Beach-Lupton

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
August 14, 2024	10:34 AM EST	11:31 AM EST	Sept 25, 2024	10:30AM EST	R. Weaver/ L. Peake

**Meeting Location: Schools Listed above and Duval Charter School at Westside**

**Attended by:**

**Board Members:**

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

**Absent**

Ken Haiko, Chairman

**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  
 Jodi Evans, Area 4 Deputy Director  
 Christina Hamlin, Area 5 Deputy Director  
 Rita Weaver, Sr. Director of Board Governance, CSUSA  
 Leah Peake, Board Governance Manager

## CALL TO ORDER

- Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:34 AM EST with a Call to Order by Vice-Chairman Tom Wheeler. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.
- Pledge of Allegiance – Vice-Chairman, Tom Wheeler led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Board Vice-Chairman, Tom Wheeler wished Chairman, Ken Haiko a speedy recovery and welcomes Mr. Clark to the meeting.

## I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Board Vice-Chairman, Tom Wheeler called for public comments. There were no public comments.

## II. ADMINISTRATIVE

### Approval of the June 25, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the June 25, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes for Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the meeting minutes from the June 25, 2024, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board meeting, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (5-0,1)**

## III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- There were no committee reports

## IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. TSIA Final Expenditure Reports
2. Principal and Parent Facilitator Adoption
3. Duval Charter Scholars Academy
  - a. Title I Plan
  - b. School Improvement Plan
4. Keys Gate Charter High School Renewal
5. CSUSA Internet Policy
6. General Knowledge Test Waivers
  - a. Duval Charter School at Baymeadows
  - b. Four Corners Upper School
  - c. North Broward Academy of Excellence
  - d. Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm
  - e. Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana
  - f. Renaissance Charter School at University
  - g. Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach
7. Professional Education Test Waivers
  - a. Four Corners Upper School
  - b. North Broward Academy of Excellence
  - c. Renaissance Charter School at University
  - d. Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach
8. Out of Field Waivers
  - a. Renaissance Charter School
  - b. Renaissance Middle Charter School
  - c. Warrington Preparatory Academy
9. Palm Beach FY24 Referendum Expenditure Plan

- Board Director, Billie Miller pulled items 1 and 5 from the consent agenda.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Consent Agenda apart from items 1 (TSIA Final Expenditure Report) and 5 (CSUSA Internet Policy) for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.**

### **Pulled Items from Consent**

#### **1. TSIA Final Expenditure Reports**

- The board discussed the TSIA Final Expenditure Report. Billie Miller requested an update from Human Resources on the number of teacher vacancies, teacher pay compared to the respective district schools, and a comparison of the Florida Retirement System to CSUSA benefits. She requested to know the number of international teachers for the FY25 school year.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to approve the TSIA Final Expenditure Report for Renaissance Charter School; Inc. as presented. The motion was approved (5-0, 1 absent).**

#### **5. CSUSA Internet Policy**

- The board discussed the CSUSA Internet Policy. Billie Miller asked for a modification to the policy to state "direct communication with students" under the social media section.
- Billie Miller requested an AI presentation to show the steps being taken in schools surrounding AI.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the CSUSA Internet Policy with edits for Renaissance Charter School; Inc. as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.**

#### **V. CSUSA Reports**

##### State Superintendent Update

- State Superintendent, Dr. Eddie Ruiz provided the board with updates on Principal Leadership Academy changes, deputy-level leadership changes, and school grades. Dr. Ruiz stated that school goals would be discussed at the September meeting.
- Dr. Ruiz stated that the cell phone policy is slightly different within each school; however, phones are not allowed during academic instruction.
- Dr. Ruiz noted the challenges to the start of the school year including; Air Conditioning issues, and carline procedures. He stated that all issues were minor and would continue to improve over the next few weeks.
- Mr. Clark asked about goals for lower performing schools and the measures being taken for improvement.
- Director, Miller commended Tracy Saxon, Steve Epstein, and the Warrington staff for the amazing work they are doing at the school. She looks forward to the schools continued growth.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the State Superintendent Report for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools. The motion was approved unanimously.**

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

##### Renaissance Academy of Arts and Science Opening

- The board was updated on the opening of the Renaissance Academy of Arts and Science expansion opening including enrollment data.

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

##### Keys Gate High School Usage Agreement

- The board review the Keys Gate Charter High School Use Agreement.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Keys Gate School Use Agreement. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Mr. Hearing no objections, Board Vice Chair, Tom Wheeler adjourned the August 14, 2024, Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board Meeting at 11:31AM EST.



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**Ken Haiko, Board Chair** Date: 9/25/24