

MINUTES OF THE CAPE CORAL
CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Council Chambers
9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of Lee County, Florida, met on May 9, 2017, at City of Cape Coral Council Chambers, a Regular Governing Board Meeting. Chair Cosden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chair Cosden

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:
All in attendance

3A. ROLL CALL: Boyer, Campbell, Cosden, Fisher, McMillan, Traiger, Zivkovic
Lucas-Ross - Excused
Winstead – Not Present

ALSO PRESENT: Jacquelin Collins, Interim Superintendent, Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Amanda Sanford, Oasis Charter High School
Dolores Menendez, City Attorney
Lisa Sonogo, City of Cape Coral, Human Resources
Vicki McAtee, City of Cape Coral, Human Resources Liaison to Charter Schools
Britt Martin, Accountant, Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Kimberly Shuler, Oasis Middle School Parent

3B. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Member Boyer nominated Chair Cosden to continue as the Charter School Governing Board Chair.

Motion made by Member Campbell and seconded by Vice Chair Zivkovic to approve Chair Cosden to continue on as the Charter School Governing Board Chair.

Board Vote: Boyer, Campbell, Cosden, Fisher, Traiger, Zivkovic

All “Aye’s,” motion carries.

Member Campbell nominated Vice Chair Zivkovic to continue as the Charter School Governing Board Vice-Chair.

Motion made by Member Campbell and seconded by Member Traiger to approve Vice-Chair Zivkovic to continue on the Charter School Governing Board Vice-Chair.

Board Vote: Boyer, Campbell, Cosden, Fisher, Traiger, Zivkovic
All “Aye’s,” motion carries.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no minutes to approve due to multiple circumstances taking up the Secretary's time.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA REGULAR MEETING:

Motion was made by Member Boyer and seconded by Member Campbell to approve the agenda.

Board Vote: Boyer, Campbell, Cosden, Fisher, Traiger, Zivkovic

All "Aye's," motion carries.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

None

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mrs. Collins thanked the Charter School Foundation for putting on such a fabulous event for our Lighthouse Awards Dinner.

Mrs. Collins states that the Charter School Foundation has committed to give the City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority their 2017 Rally Spreadsheet and disclose their bank statements just so they have complete transparency. Mrs. Collins will then turn over this information to the City Manager.

Mrs. Collins states that surveys were sent out to the Charter School staff to see what they were looking for in a principal and she will be hiring a new principal for Oasis High School and Oasis Elementary School. The surveys showed that the new principals should be hired from within our System.

Mrs. Collins states that she and Vice-Chair Zivkovic will attend a parent information meeting at Oasis Elementary School to discuss the direction the Charter Schools are going in. They will also answer any questions from parents.

Mrs. Collins states that she and the Charter School Administration Office will meet with Vicki Bateman, City of Cape Coral Finance Services Director, for their first Best Practices Meeting.

Mrs. Collins states that she would like to make correction to the Charter School Budget Wish List. She is finding that the Wish List items are more of needs than wishes. Most of these items are building maintenance and should not be on the Wish List but rather change the budget heading to Unfunded Capital Expenses because they need to be accomplished eventually.

Mrs. Collins states the Charter School System is currently working on hiring. There are a couple positions at each school that have been posted. She thinks as far as hiring goes that the elementary schools are all done.

Discussion held.

9. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chair Cosden states she has nothing to report.

10. FOUNDATION REPORT:

None

11. STAFF COMMENT: Amanda Sanford, Oasis High School

Ms. Sanford states that in the Washington Post, Oasis High School ranked 47th most challenging high school in the nation out of over 2,000 high schools.

Ms. Sanford states the AICE testing is still going strong. AICE testing finished June 9, 2017.

Ms. Stanford states that high school seniors last day is Thursday, May 11th and they will come back for graduation on May 20th.

Discussion held.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of the Superintendent Job Description – Chair Cosden

Discussion held.

Motion made by Member Traiger and seconded by Member Campbell to approve the modification of the Superintendent job description to eliminate the “secondary language, Spanish preferred” line.

Board Vote: Boyer, Campbell, Cosden, Fisher, Traiger, Zivkovic

Ayes: Campbell, Fisher, Traiger

Opposed: Boyer, Cosden, Zivkovic

Motion fails

Motion made by Member Boyer and seconded by Vice-Chair Zivkovic to approve the Superintendent job description as written.

Board Vote: Boyer, Campbell, Cosden, Fisher, Traiger, Zivkovic

Ayes: Boyer, Cosden, Zivkovic

Opposed: Campbell, Fisher, Traiger

Motion fails

Discussion held.

Motion made by Member Fisher and seconded by Member Boyer to approve the

Superintendent job description as written. Member Boyer rescinded her second.

Discussion held.

Motion made by Member Traiger and seconded by Member Campbell to approve the modification of the Superintendent Job Description Preferred Qualifications section and eliminate the “secondary language, Spanish preferred” wording.

Board Vote: Boyer, Campbell, Cosden. Fisher, Traiger, Zivkovic

All “Aye’s,” motion carries.

B. Approval of the Interim Superintendent Contract – Chair Cosden

Motion made by Vice-Chair Zivkovic and seconded by Member Boyer to approve the Interim Superintendent Contract.

Board Vote: Boyer, Campbell, Cosden. Fisher, Traiger, Zivkovic

All “Aye’s,” motion carries.

14. FINAL BOARD COMMENT AND DISCUSSION:

Member Fisher congratulates the administration, staff, and students of Oasis High School. He feels we need to keep getting out these great and positive stories to show what’s really happening.

Vice-Chair Zivkovic congratulates Oasis High School and asks Ms. Sanford to please not downplay the accomplishment of being ranked 47th on the Washington Post List. We need to keep getting these messages out because there are people out there who want to magnify our minor issues so we shouldn’t minimize our major accomplishments.

Member Boyer states she attended the Lighthouse Awards Dinner and that it was beautifully done by the Foundation.

Member Boyer thanks the Foundation and Jen-Hope Belis for all the hard work they put into the Lighthouse Award Dinner.

Chair Cosden read the names of the Lighthouse Award winners:

Tiffany Chobrda (CME)
Tiffany Brown (OES)
Dana Gibbs (OMS)
Nancy Oukasse (OHS)

Denise Lowe won the Beacon Award. She is the receptionist at Oasis Elementary School.

Member Traiger states the Lighthouse Dinner was fabulous.

Member Traiger thanks Mrs. Collins for all of her hard work, loves the weekly emails, and feels very comfortable with her leadership.

Member Traiger thanks Mrs. Collins for building relationships and being proactive with the City of Cape Coral.

Member McMillan congratulates Oasis High School.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

Regular Governing Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in Council Chambers.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sabrina Bendezu
Interim Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Cape Coral Charter School Authority