



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting

City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority

Governing Board Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:30p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dr. Guido Minaya

A Regular Meeting of the City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at City Council Chambers, Cape Coral FL 33990. Chairman Minaya called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

2. Moment of Silence

Chairman Minaya

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Chairman Minaya

4. Roll Call

3A. ROLL CALL: Chairman Minaya, Vice-Chair Rodriguez Meehan , Raso Tate, District 1, Campbell (Absent Excused), Jackson, Mitchell (virtual). Parent Representatives(s) Hoagland - OHS, Frank - OEN/OES, Kalhbenn-OMS (Absent Excused)

Motion made by Member Rodriguez Meehan, Second by Member Jacksonl to allow Governing Board Members who wish to attend virtually be allowed to participate, discuss, and vote on today's Special Meeting Agenda dated August 27, 2021 Unanimous. Motion Passed

Also Present: Rep. Mike Giallambardo

Jacquelin Collins, Superintendent

Dr Christina Britton, Principal, Oasis High

Donnie Hopper, Principa, OMS

KellyWeeks, AP OEN

MaryBeth Grecsek, Principal, Oasis Elementary South

Carrie Abes, AP OEN

Melanie Klages, RN

Dolores Menendez, City Attorney

Mark Moriarty, Assistant City Attorney, City of Cape Coral
CCPD Officers

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Member Raso Tate, Second by Member Mitchell to Approve the following Minutes as presented. Unanimous. Motion Carried

5A: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021

5B: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting on Friday, August 27, 2021

6. Approval of Regular Agenda Meeting

Motion made by Member Raso Tate, Second by Member Mitchell to Approve the Agenda for the Regular Governing Board Meeting, September 14, 2021. Unanimous Motion Carried

7. Public Comment

Public Comment Speaking Time is to be limited up to three (3) minutes per individual; 45 minutes total Public Comment time, unless the number of speakers is greater than 20, in which case each speaker will be allowed up to two(2) minutes of speaking time; unless the number of speakers is greater than 30, in which case each speaker will be allowed to speak up to one(1) minute for a total of 45 minutes of Public Comment.

The following speakers directed their Public Comment toward Oasis Charter Schools' Mitigation and Quarantine Protocols that Align with Emergency Rule 64DER21-12, Section I "Protocols for Controlling COVID-19 in School Settings," issued August 6, 2021, and the continued mask mandate for all Oasis Charter Schools students until further notice.

1. Rep. Mike Giallambardo, District 77
2. R Miniaci
3. L Edinger
4. McLean
5. Wayant
6. K Edinger
7. Bolin
8. Kristie
9. Heisie
10. C Miniaci
11. Brown
12. Aubry
13. Adkinson
14. Shrider
15. Morrelli
16. Sabella

7B. Active Board Discussion

Discussion of "Oasis Charter Schools' Mitigation and Quarantine Protocols that Align with Emergency Rule 64DER21-12, Section I "Protocols for Controlling COVID-19 in School Settings," issued August 6, 2021 and the Motion made by Member Minaya Second by Member Rodriguez Meehan to Mandate masks indoors and where students cannot social distance for a 90-day period, unless they have a note from their doctor [Medical Waiver Form]. Ayes in Majority. Motion Carried August 17, 2021

Motion made by Member Raso Tate, Second by Member Mitchell that the Board should go back to the standard [we had] prior to our last meeting which makes masks optional, and parents have the right to use the Opt-Out[form] if they choose.

Active Board Discussion ended with a Call the Question to Vote request.

Motion made to Call the Question to Vote by Member Raso Tate, Second by Member Mitchell 3-2 Decision, NO. Motion Denied

Minaya: NO

Rodriguez Meehan: NO

Raso Tate: YES

Jackson: NO

Mitchell: YES

NO (3) YES (2) Motion Did Not Pass.

Active Board Discussion:

Member Raso Tate: "I need to ask this Board...I understand that you have an issue with the masks but do you also realize that you are jeopardizing the schools? The principals just told you they have no way of working around this, they can't enforce this [on students], and you are [also] jeopardizing our state funding as our Representative (Mike Giallambardo) just told you, and you are putting all of us at risk? I understand that you have a passion for the masks, but you must understand that you are putting us at risk for everything we stand for in this school, and as far as our ability to financially operate, and as far as what our charter states in Chapter 26:18, and with the state as well, [we will be] in jeopardy.

Active Board Discussion:

Vice Chair Rodriguez Meehan: "It's not a passion about masks, its about the safety of children, it is [about] listening to the medical experts who have been pleading with us for a very long time - and we are not threatening to take funding away, it is the state who is threatening to take funding."

Active Board Discussion

Motion made by Member Jackson, Second by Member Raso Tate to reconsider having another vote to rescind the mask mandate, and to include putting in an Opt-Out[form] option. AYE's Majority. Unanimous, Motion Passed

Minaya AYE

Rodriguez Meehan AYE

Raso Tate AYE

Jackson AYE

Mitchell AYE

Final Motion made by Member Raso Tate, Second by Member Mitchell to rescind the mask mandate, and revert back to the Opt-Out [form] which makes masks optional, and gives parents the right to choose. AYE's Unanimous. Motion Passed

Minaya AYE

Rodriguez Meehan AYE

Raso Tate AYE

Jackson AYE

Mitchell AYE

Superintendent Collins also agreed to notify City of Cape Coral Oasis Charter Schools parents and guardians, as early as tonight [September 14, 2021 via ParentSquare informing them that the mask mandate has been rescinded, and the Opt-Out [form] is continued and available on all Oasis campuses.

8. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Member Raso Tate, Second by Member Rodriguez Meehan to Approve the Consent Items as Presented. Unanimous. Motion Carried

8A. Request for Approval of the Adoption, Amendment, or Repeal of the Proposed NEOLA Policies - 5780.01/Parents' Bill of Rights; 5780/Student-Parent Rights; 8405/School Safety and Security; 8407/Safe-School Officers - Superintendent Collins

8B. Request for Approval of the Oasis Charter Schools' Teachers-Out-of-Field Notification School Year 2021-2022 - Superintendent Collins

9. Superintendent's Report

Outlined the charter school's mask mandate compliance and general acceptance since the Special Meeting decision on August 27, 2021.

Gave overview of expectations and administrative preparations for the COGNIA Accreditation Engagement Review coming up November 8-11, 2021.

Highlighted the Florida Virtual Franchise Opportunity that requires attendance at a webinar and buy-in decision within the next 30 days.

Discussed Teacher-Out-of-Field Notifications for SY 2021-22.

Gave Overview of Transportation Department transition and the need for revised job descriptions and pay range updates in order to recruit and retain a qualified and fairly compensated transportation services workforce.

10. Chairman's Report

Thanked fellow Board members for their dedication to the schools.

Plans to attend next Charter-City Transition Team meeting to discuss department progress and other issues.

Would like to see some type of Health & Safety updates/reports so that COVID-related more information besides Dashboards is communicated effectively, and as necessary, to those interested.

11. Foundation Report

Gary Cerny - President

Foundation Grants are just starting to open up and more information will be provided to the schools as soon as possible. It's the Foundation's goal to help as many teachers and projects as [they] can.

"Feel the Love" teacher and staff appreciation campaign is going on in all the schools starting next month. Oasis teachers and staff can expect a luncheon, treats, and more.

Next year's Rally is starting to shape up - still under discussion is the possibility there maybe a portion of the golf tournament directed at youth that is separate from adults.

Lighthouse Awards nominations accepted October 4 - December 4, 2021. Winners will be awarded at the banquet on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at the Yacht Club.

12. Staff Comment

STEM INNOVATION Presentation by Dr. John Omundsen, Oasis Director of STEM Education

13. Unfinished Business

Discussion of Lee Virtual Franchise Opportunities for Oasis Charter Schools - Superintendent Collins.

Motion made by Member Minaya, Second by Member Jackson to have the Superintendent attended the required informational webinar regarding virtual franchise registration, program obligations, and Lee County Schools expectations, and return her recommendation to the Board before the next Regular Meeting on October 12, 2021. Unanimous Motion Carried

14. New Business

Motion made by Member Raso Tate, Second by Member Rodriguez Meehan to Approve the Job Descriptions and Pay Ranges as Presented for the following Charter School Employees

14A. Request for Approval of the Job Description and Salary Range for Charter School Authority Director Of Food Service and Transportation- Superintendent Collins

14B. Request for Approval of the Job Description and Pay Range for Charter School Authority Transportation Dispatcher- Superintendent Collins

14C. Request for Approval of the Job Description and Pay Range for Charter School Authority Transportation Coordinator- Superintendent Collins

15. Final Board Comment and Discussion

Minaya - Thanked Members of the Board who had a tough job to do tonight and participated in the democratic process of listening, having respectful discussions, and making a good decisions based on what is reasonable, and best for Oasis students and the community. Also, thanked Dr. Omundsen and the amazing job he is doing with the STEM Education program and helping move Oasis further down the tech pipeline. Thanked Rep Giallambardo for coming to tonight's meeting and hopes everyone stays well. Minaya is also very interested in hearing the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the Lee Virtual Franchise Opportunity after she attends the webinar, and would like her to share all information with the Board.

Rodriguez Meehan - This already sounds and looks like it could be another exhausting year for teachers and staff. Please know that [she] is not about just imposing something upon them, and then not offering to help. Vice Chair Rodriguez Meehan is willing to step up and support the teachers in anyway, this includes coming on campus and co-teaching, if necessary.

Rato Tate, Dist 1 - Thanked Rep Giallambardo for taking the time to attend tonight's meeting. I spoke with Chief Sizemore about having the Superintendent send Oasis car-rider parents a message to not block private driveways as this is causing ill-will with neighborhood homeowners, and can be avoided if the line for parent drop-off/pickup can be respected. Congraulated Superintendent Collins on her hard work and dedication to our schools. Thanked Dr. Omundsen for his excellent work on STEM initiatives for the schools. She would like to hear about the Lee Virtual Franchise opportunity after the Superintendent attends the webinar.

Mitchell - Certainly, as Board members and just as members of our communities it is important to model good behavior and demonstrate that we can agree to disagree, and remain respectful to each other's opinions no matter how different they are from each other. Labels and name calling is never fair or appropriate. I, for one, most certainly do care about children, and I also care about a parent's right to choose what is best for their family.

Jackson - I'm torn between the rights of parents to make decisions, and the need for the Administration to do what is necessary for the safety and health of our students. In the end, empowering the administration to do what they know to be the most reasonable thing to do, the best thing to do at this time, is what we need to follow.

16. Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next Regular Governing Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

17. Adjournment

The Governing Board adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Paul-Evans

Charter School Authority Board Secretary



Secretary

BOARD
APPROVED

OCT 12 2021

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Date of approval