



# GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

## *Regular Meeting*

### City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board

City of Cape Coral City Council Chambers  
1015 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral FL 33909

#### 1. Call to Order

Kristifer Jackson, Chair

A Regular Meeting of the City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:34p.m., at City of Cape Coral City Council Chambers, 1015 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33909.

#### 2. Moment of Silence

Chair Jackson

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

Chair Jackson

OHS JROTC Shark Battalion Cadet Captain Cadence Ely, Color Guard Commander, gave a brief explanation of flag etiquette while in chambers.

#### 4. Roll Call

Kristifer Jackson, Keith Long, Dist 6., Karen Michaels, Dr Guido Minaya, Charles Pease, Cathy Stout. Parent Representatives: Jennifer Hoagland, OHS/SAC, Gregor Schade, OMS, Jose Soto, OES, Jacquelin Collins, Superintendent

Absent: Mykisha Atisele, Caroline Rozeau, OEN

Also Present: Donnie Hopper, Principal, OMS

Marybeth Grecsek, Principal, OES

Amy Brown, CSA HR Manager

Mark Moriarty, Assistant City Attorney, CCC

Mark Mason, Finance Director and Interim Human Resources Director, CCC

Andrea Clark, Senior Accountant, CCC

Jennifer Koehn, Assistant Accounting Manager, CCC

Damon Grant, Assistant Public Works Director, CCC

Terry Schweitzer, CCC Public Works

Gary Cerny, Foundation President

Cape Coral Youth Council Members:

5. Approval of Minutes

*APPROVED UNANIMOUS* Motion made by Member Michaels, Second by Member Long to Approve the Minutes of the Charter School Authority Regular Governing Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. *Unanimous.*

6. Approval of Regular Agenda Meeting

*APPROVED UNANIMOUS* Motion made by Member Michaels, Second by Member Long to Approve the Agenda of the Regular Governing Board Meeting, March 12, 2024. *Unanimous*

7. Public Comment

*No Activity*

8. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Member Minaya, Second by Member Michaels to Approve the Consent Items as Presented. *UNANIMOUS APPROVAL*

*8A APPROVED Request for Approval of the Cambridge University AICE Curriculum and Assessments Program Invoice - June 2024 GCE AS & A Level, ADIP in the Amount of \$149,094.70*

*8B APPROVED Request for Acceptance and Approval of the Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Club Grant in the Amount of \$500.00, Which is to be Used to Purchase Materials to Successfully Create and Host Activities that Empower Oasis High School Students to Take an Active Role in School Safety and Prevention of Violence*

9. Superintendent's Report

Welcomed Youth Council and complimented them on their professionalism during their regular meetings. She recognizes that students are very concerned about school safety and security, so she invited Anthony Sizemore, Cape Coral Police Chief, to give an overview and professional opinion regarding response to active school threats and critical incidents.

9A. SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY- Anthony Sizemore, Police Chief, Cape Coral Police Department: Gave overview of SRO's history in schools, and the their span of control. Emphasized CCPD officers assigned to the city's schools are a specialized, highly qualified unit. Highlighted the SRO program is not built on the sentry model, instead officers are more flexible and have woven their community service and expertise into school cultures focusing on monitoring/surveillance, crisis prevention, and mitigating student incidents.

Youth Council Members expressed their gratitude and appreciation of their school's SRO teams and the safe atmosphere they create. They also very much appreciated Chief Sizemore's attendance and assurances at [tonight's] meeting.

Youth Council suggested the mandated school safety drills be more spontaneous and catch students/teachers off guard; currently students realize some drills are scheduled and may not be taking the practices as serious as they need to be.

Member Minaya asked about the Lee County Schools Guardian Program. Chief Sizemore said there were many parties involved in the original discussion of the program, how it would actually work, etc. However, he believes no one can do a proper and professional job like trained law enforcement.

- 9B. 2024 STEM DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION SUMMIT - SMITHSONIAN SCIENCE EDUCATION: The summit focused on building strategies for the recruitment and retention of a diverse and highly qualified science, technology, engineering and mathematics teaching force.
- 9C. ITEEA STEM SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD & CONF- TN - MARCH 2024: All four principals attended the conference and brought back the School of Excellence awards from ITEEA. The team also visited Crosstown, a premiere charter school that is gaining traction because of their innovative teaching platforms and curriculum.
- 9D. LEARNING & THE BRAIN CONFERENCE- NYC - APRIL 2024: All four principals and teachers from each school will attend conf that addresses teaching strategies for the next generation of students, the "Alpha", who are the product of gap learning deficiencies due to the COVID pandemic.
- 9E. AVID RAMPELLO K-8 MAGNET SCHOOL TOUR - TAMPA - MARCH : Focus is on learner mindset and academic achievement utilizing strategies for not only academic achievement but also student well-being and socio-emotional growth. All four principals and Dr Omundsen, STEM Director, attended.
- 9F: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE -Will come to the Board during the next regulr meeting for approval and implementation, including the establishment of select committees.
- 9G: OHS RECEIVED A REVISED "A" GRADE which means the school will receive school recognition money and will distribute the bonus among themselves as they see fit.

Member Minaya recommended reaching out to area HBCUs and HSIs for partnerships and business opportunities.

Youth Council Member Garcia, OHS, requested high school students have access to the school's Makerspaces so that they can continue their studies and experimentations.

Member Michaels requested a critical incident communication plan includes a central online hub that parents and guardians can access to help manage the flow of information. She also requested Superintendent Collins to look into repeated rumors of thefts from student gym lockers.

**10. City Manager's Report**

Mark Mason, Director of Financial Services, Interim Director, Human Resources, City of Cape Coral

The City will accept a new contract for auditing services. The contract with CLA expired after almost 15 years of service.

Upcoming school breaks will allow facilities teams to get into the schools and complete projects including new carpeting, new doors, etc.

**11. Council Member Report: *Keith Long, Dist 6 gave overview of new report segment. Thanked Youth Council for their attendance. Gave football sports complex update that a new date is underway for another joint meeting regarding funding, etc.***

Minaya: The Cape is 25% of Lee County's population and within the next five years will grow 20-25,000 students. *Is there any chance we could consider another charter school? Long said he can bring the suggestion to Council for possible discussion.*

**12. Chairman's Report**

Kristifer Jackson, Chair

- Thanked Youth Council Members for attending tonight's meeting and their dedication to their schools and peers.
- Asked Long about the possibility of matching funds to get the football sports complex off the ground.
- Recapped the BUDGET WORKSHOP dates and times.
- Review of this month's set of bylaws been postponed for discussion until the Next Regular Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Strategic Plan Committee Selections for Strategic Plan and Finance Committees. Jackson will chair Strategic Plan Committee; Jackson asked Long to chair the Finance Committee. Long will ask Council if this is a conflict or allowed. He will get back with an answer by the next governing board meeting. Charles Pease agreed to chair the Finance Committee if Long is unable and/or declines. *Active Discussion*

### **13. Foundation Report**

*Jennifer Hoagland, Treasurer*

- Putt-Putt Partee Fun Night on Friday, March 8 at Tropical Breeze Family Fun Park from 5-9p.m. was the largest in three years with 300+ attendees variety of entertainment and food. Raised over \$9,000 with online auction. Thanked all sponsors.
- Oasis High Class of 2024 Scholarship Applications open. The deadline is March 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be two awards categories: Academic and Trades. The app process has been made so much easier and user-friendly.
- Club Grants are still open until March 21 by end of day.
- The Lighthouse Awards has a new date: Friday, April 5, 2024 at La Venezia Ballroom from 6-10p.m. Invitations have gone out.
- During the next meeting the Foundation will share a year-end report of the grant totals they have awarded the charter schools 2023-2024.

### **14. Staff Comment**

*Dr. John Omundsen, Director Oasis STEM Innovation  
[Slide Presentation]*

### **15. Unfinished Business**

*No Activity*

### **16. New Business**

**15A. APPROVED UNANIMOUS** Motion made by Member Long, Second by Member Pease to Recognize and Accept the Florida Department of Education 2023-2024 Local Capital Improvement (LCI) Revenue Payment to the City of Cape Coral Oasis Charter Schools in the Total Amount of \$909,511.00. The Specific Calculations for each City of Cape Coral Oasis Charter Schools Amounts to: Oasis Elementary South \$239,316.00; Oasis Elementary North \$222,724.00; Oasis Middle School \$229,761.00 and Oasis High School \$217,710.00. *Unanimous.*

Superintendent's Background: New legislation requires the sponsoring school districts to replace overtime PECO funding with local capital improvement revenue. This means moving forward the District will give us the funds and not the State. This year we only received both PECO funding and the first 20% from Lee County local capital improvement revenues. Now we have an extra \$909,000 that was not budgeted but we would like to do something with the funds (which can not go directly toward teacher pay). Projects the Superintendent prefers to use the funds to purchase:  
Purchase of an upgraded intercom/paging system which is a safety and security issue  
Refurbishment of the Oasis High School gym floor over the summer  
The OEN Portables Project went \$500,000 over budget and needs to be completed  
Purchase of an additional "Shark" van for smaller transports and will also cut driver costs

Active Discussion

Mark Mason thinks the funding formula may yield even more funds in the future. Collins wants to have a discussion about how the funds will be appropriately used. Active Discussion

Long would appreciate Mason providing an update on the Lease Agreement provision that was previously under discussion regarding the half cent sales tax. Active Discussion

**17. Final Board Comment and Discussion**

Chair Jackson: Glad the Youth Council had a good experience tonight and that coming to the meeting was helpful and educating. Jackson is proud of them and their leadership. Thanked JROTC for providing flag etiquette for the board, thanked all board members for their dialogue and dedication. Thanked Finance Director for input. Glad Member Long, Dist. 6 will be giving monthly report. Thanked Chief Sizemore more taking the time from his busy schedule to updated us and answer questions.

Vice Chair Michaels: No Comment

Member Atisele: Absent

Member Long, Dist 6: No Comment

Member Minaya: No Comment

Member Pease: No Comment

Member Stout: No Comment

Parent Representative Hoagland/OHS: No Comment

Parent Representative Schade/OMS: No Comment

Parent Representative Soto/OES: No Comment

Parent Representative Rouzeau/OEN: Absent

Youth Council expressed gratitude and appreciation joining the board today and seeing the board in action. They would be delighted to return next year and make this an annual visit.

**18. Time and Date of Next Meeting**

The next Regular Governing Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 5:30p.m., at Cape Coral City Council Chambers, 1015 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral 33990

**19. Adjournment**

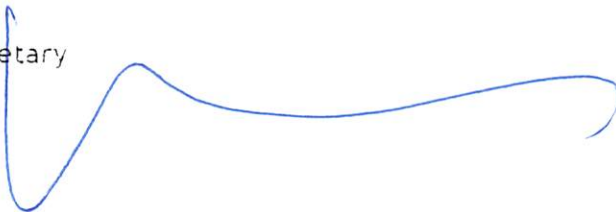
The Governing Board Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:13p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Paul-Evans, Governing Board Secretary

Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board

Secretary



Date of approval

**BOARD  
APPROVED**

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