



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Governing Board Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, August 27, 2021 at 5:30p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dr. Guido Minaya

A Special Meeting of the City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, August 27, 2021 at City Council Chambers, Cape Coral FL 33990. Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m.

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

Chairman Minaya

3. Board Member Roll Call

3A. OPENING STATEMENT: Mayor John Gunter, City of Cape Coral, gave an opening statement briefly outlining the expectations and decorum required of persons inside the Chamber, and those wishing to participate in Public Comment.

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

Motion made by Member Raso Tate, District 1, Second by Member Mitchell 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: Jacquelin Collins, Superintendent
Dr Christina Britton, Principal, Oasis High
Donnie Hopper, Principa, OMS
Brienne Romano, AP Oasis Middle
Kevin Brown, Principal, Oasis Elementary North

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

4. Approval of the Special Meeting Agenda

Motion made by Member Mitchell, Second by Member Raso Tate to approve the Special Meeting Agenda of the Governing Board dated August 27, 2021 with the following recommendation: Motion to Approve the Modification of the Public Comment Speaking Time 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. Unanimous Motion Passed

5. A. 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 possibility of the Governing Board passing a mask mandate for students attending Oasis Charter Schools.

1. Edward D
2. Lauren E
3. Cara B
4. Jenny McL
5. Meddow
6. Robert M
7. Jennifer R
8. Daniel S
9. Brenda C
10. Lisa A
11. Susan

12. Dan Shepard, District 2
13. Jennifer B
14. Amanda R
15. Christy D
16. Jayden S
17. Andrew S
18. Raina P
19. Jennifer C

5B. 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.

5C. Superintendent's Report - Jacquelin Collins (see attachment 5C-3)

Reading of Letter to Dr. Kenneth Savage, Interim Superintendent, LCSD and the Lee County School Board from physicians of Southewst Florida regarding mandating masks in the schools of the Lee County School District. (see attachment 5C-1)

Reading of Letter from Rep. Mike Giallambardo regarding Gov. DeSantis' Executive Order allowing parents to make the best choice for their children. (see attachment 5C-2)

5D. Staff Report - Melanie Klages, R.N., Charter School Authority Nurse

5E. Agenda Discussion - Active Board Member Discussion lead by Chairman Dr Guido Minaya

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 Carries.

Minaya: Yes

Rodriguez Meehan: Yes

Raso Tate, District 1: No

Campbell: (1) Abstain; (2) YES*

Jackson: Yes

Mitchell: No

- *Member Campbell's first vote was (1) "Abstain." City Attorney Dolores Menendez reminded Member Campbell pursuant to Florida Law he has an obligation to vote. Campbell's final vote, (2) "Yes."*

6. Final Board Comment and Discussion

Chairman Minaya - The 90-days mandate is a threshold mark. If conditions change before then we can always revisit the mandate and rescind it, if this is the case. The 90-days just helps us to ensure that we get to a more stabilized state, and if this does in fact happen before the timeframe, and we agree this is where we want to be, then we can always reconvene and rescind the mandate. Minaya also agrees we need to research virtual learning platforms and consider the competitive nature the future will bring. We are already a high-performing charter school system and we want to keep it that way. As a charter school system we need to investigate how we can become a franchise of the Florida Virtual Schools so that if necessary, in the future, we will have a mechanism to turn ON in case we have to hit the switch.

Vice Chair Rodriguez Meehan - The best solution is universal masking and students can have mask breaks. It is our job as adults to support and advocate for children when they are struggling with wearing a mask. We need to do every mitigating measure that we can possibly do to keep kids in school, keep them learning, and meeting their needs. I also agree we need to look into a virtual option for the future.

Raso Tate, District 1 - Would like to have a draft letter by the next Governing Board Meeting that addresses virtual schooling and how the charter schools can develop a virtual system as a possible back-up or alternative platform for students. This document would eventually go before the City Council for review and support just like what we did with the Half-Cent Sales Tax. Furthermore, I agree that we should urge students to wear a mask but not make it a mandate. My opinion is that the Superintendent should send something out to families encouraging wearing a mask but not mandating it. If parents choose to Opt-Out their child from wearing a mask, it's their choice and they can sign a form saying they understand what they are doing. Also, does the Superintendent know, does any body know what the effects of this is going to be regarding the possible loss of school funding? I have asked around and no one really knows but we should keep checking.

Campbell - We always hear about statistics that can be refuted; I want to deal with a few facts that are indisputable. (1) We are a charter school. The government isn't involved here, you have the choice to put your child in our charter schools, and you can take them out. 2. We are not talking about a vaccine mandate, just a mask mandate. 3. The Governor's Order was specific to school districts and we are not a school district. 4. Judge Cooper has overturned the Governor's Order and deemed it unconstitutional. I don't know if it will be overturned again, but the fact is, *today*, it was overturned. 5. I agree everyone has the right to choose, and I don't want to tell anyone to do anything, and I feel for everybody who is concerned about their children's health, one way or the other, I am sympathetic to both sides. 6. If you need a medical waiver form completed by a doctor, how long will it take since our healthcare systems are overflowing and doctors

may not have the time? *[Collins said if the student had a medical waiver from last year, they can resubmit it for this year and it will be honored until they can get an updated waiver]* 7. I think what we really need to push our representatives for a virtual option for our kids, because if we fall into this situation again, we will need a virtual option, for sure.

Jackson - He questioned researching the possibility of a virtual platform last year, and agrees we need this type of option for students in the future. Also, agrees students need to be able to work from home if they have to quarantine because they are waiting on the completion a a first time medical waiver from busy doctors.

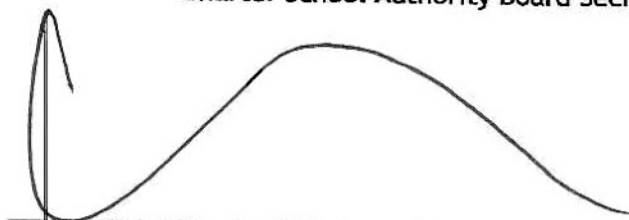
7. Time and Date of Next Regular Meeting

The next Regular Governing Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

8. Adjournment

The Governing Board adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Paul-Evans
Charter School Authority Board Secretary



Secretary

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APPROVED

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Date of approval