

## MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

Board Meeting: February 19, 2015

School(s):

**Renaissance Charter School at Wellington**

Renaissance Charter School at Pines

**Governors Charter Academy**

Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science

**Renaissance Charter School at Plantation**

Renaissance Charter School at Palm West

Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach

**Keys Gate Charter School**

**Keys Gate Charter High School**

**Duval Charter at Arlington**

**Duval Charter High at Baymeadows**

**Duval Charter School at Baymeadows**

Duval Charter at Mandarin

**Duval Charter at Southside**

Duval Charter at Westside

North Broward Academy of Excellence

North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School

**Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm**

**Renaissance Charter School at Cypress**

**Renaissance Charter at University**

**Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science Middle School**

**Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana**

Renaissance Charter School at Summit

**Renaissance Middle Charter School**

**Renaissance Elementary Charter School**

**Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie**

**Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs**

Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City

**Renaissance Charter at Hunter's Creek**

**Renaissance Charter at Chickasaw Trail**

**Renaissance Charter School at Tradition**

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
February 19, 2015	9:07 a.m.	10:49 a.m.	March 13, 2015	11:00 a.m.	A. Craig
<b>Meeting Location:</b>					
Renaissance Charter School at Chickasaw – 8203 Valencia College Lane, Orlando, FL 32825					

<b>Attended by:</b>	
<p><b>Board Members:</b>            Ken Haiko, Chairman            Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman            John O'Brien, Director            Tom Wheeler, Director            Preston Jones, Director</p> <p><b>Absent:</b>            Shane Strum, Director            Margaret Wells, Director</p>	<p><b>Other Attendees:</b>            Dr. Gregorie Peter, Orange County Local Governance Council            Leon Gaither, Orange County Local Governance Council            Levi Williams, Board Attorney            Kia Sweeney Scott, Director – School Choice Services, Orange County            Keisha Smith, Director of Board Governance            Allison Craig, Governing Board Coordinator            April Williams, Regional Director            Robin Sandler, Regional Director            Jeremy Serna, Manager of Performance Analysis            Nathan Mariano, Principal, Renaissance Charter School at Chickasaw Trail            Vanessa Suarez, Principal, Renaissance Charter School at Hunter's Creek            Jodi Evans, Principal, Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana</p>

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 9:07 a.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken and quorum established.

### **I. INTRODUCTION OF ORANGE COUNTY LGC BOARD MEMBERS**

- Chairman Haiko introduced two members of the Orange County Local Governing Council, Dr. Gregorie Constant-Peter and Leon Gaither.
- This LGC has been established as the advisory council for Renaissance Charter School at Chickasaw Trail and Renaissance Charter School at Hunter's Creek, on behalf of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### **Approval of Revised Minutes from September 11, 2014**

- Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the revised minutes from September 11, 2014 and to note any changes. The minutes stand.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the revised minutes of the September 11, 2014 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.**

#### **Approval of Revised Minutes from October 17, 2014**

- Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the revised minutes from October 17, 2014 and to note any changes. The minutes stand.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the revised minutes of the October 17, 2014 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.**

#### **Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2015**

- Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the minutes from January 17, 2015 and to note any changes. The minutes stand.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2015 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.**

### **III. SCHOOL RELATED REPORTS**

#### **Renaissance Charter School at Chickasaw Trail**

- Enrollment currently at 958 students with a budgeted amount of 995 students
- Principal Mariano reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights

#### **Renaissance Charter School at Hunter's Creek**

- Enrollment currently at 884 students with a budgeted amount of 992 students
- Principal Suarez reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights

**Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana**

- Enrollment currently at 1087 students with a budgeted amount of 1070 students
- Principal Evans reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights

**Governors Charter Academy**

- Enrollment currently at 711 students with a budgeted amount of 824 students
- Principal Peters reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights

**Keys Gate Charter High School**

- Enrollment currently at 1159 students with a budgeted amount of 1200 students
- Assistant Principal Garcia reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights

**Renaissance Elementary Charter School**

- Enrollment currently at 912 students with a budgeted amount of 910 students
- Principal Cordal reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights

**Renaissance Middle Charter School**

- Enrollment currently at 437 students with a budgeted amount of 450 students
- Principal Cordal reported on some of the PTC events and provided highlights

**IV. ESOL/OUT OF FIELD WAIVERS**

- The board discussed the Out of Field Waiver for Duval Charter School at Baymeadows.

**MOTION: Motion made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the ESOL and Out of Field Waiver for the following teacher at Duval Charter School at Baymeadows:**

- **Eduardo Hidalgo**

**The motion was approved unanimously.**

- The board discussed the Out of Field Waivers for Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science.

**MOTION: Motion made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the ESOL and Out of Field Waivers for the following teachers at Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science:**

- **Semra Bahadir**
- **Chelsea Beilly**
- **Tiffany Dewberry**
- **Lizzette Huston**

**The motion was approved unanimously.**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

2014-15 Fall Surveys

- Jeremy Serna introduced the 2014-15 Fall Survey categories and highlighted areas of interest across the schools.
- The board discussed the results and noted that a minimum threshold should be established so that the most accurate reflection of the schools can be captured.



- Jeremy Serna shared his insight about the industry-standard and the different levels of responsiveness that can be anticipated from parents, staff, etc.
- The board discussed why some of the staff response numbers were so low and questioned if there were confidentiality concerns. Jeremy Serna clarified that, while the corporate team can identify survey participants, this information is not available to the principals.

#### Charter Application Updates

- Derek Kelmanson provided an update to the board regarding charter applications.
- Orange County:
  - currently have three charters available and the plan is to open two schools, Goldenrod and Tapestry.
- Seminole County:
  - Charter application submitted,
  - District has requested board members to attend a school board workshop on 3/10/15.
- Osceola County:
  - Three charter contracts in progress,
  - Requested that the board approve an amendment to increase the capacity from a K-8 1145, to a K-8 1415.

**MOTION: Motion made by John O'Brien and seconded by Dennis Clark to authorize CSUSA on their behalf to submit an amendment to the charter application to Osceola County School District that would increase the capacity from a K-8 1145 to a K-8 1415. The motion was approved unanimously.**

- Four Corners Charter School Expansion:
  - Two of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.'s charters would be used to establish a middle and high school for the already-existing Four Corners Charter School.
  - The middle and high schools would be governed by Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
  - An articulation agreement between Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and Four Corners Charter School, Inc. would allow preferred acceptance of the elementary school students into the new middle and high schools.
- Palm Beach County:
  - Two schools were opened last year, Renaissance Charter School at Cypress and Renaissance Charter School at Wellington. The third was deferred to this year. There is a recommendation to open a school nestled inside an existing school until a location and site is identified for the new school.

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

- There was no old business to be discussed at this time.

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Principal Suarez clarified an Out-of-Field Waiver that was presented at the last board meeting. The board discussed the Out-of-Field Waiver for Renaissance Charter School at Hunter's Creek.

**MOTION: Motion made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Out of Field Waiver for the following teacher at Renaissance Charter School at Hunter's Creek:**

- Colette Purcell

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by John O'Brien to adjourn the February 19, 2015 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 3-13-15