



**RCMA Annual School Board Meeting  
January 29, 2024  
Mulberry Boardroom in Mulberry, FL  
12:30PM – 2PM**



Virtual:

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**MINUTES**

<b>Attendance</b>				
	<b>Board Members-At-Large</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Staff Present In-Person</b>
1.	Bayer, Michael T.	In-person		Brown, Juana
2.	Bizerra, Susanne A.	In-person		Garcia, Isabel
3.	Dowling, Aedan J.	In-person		Haggett, Mark
4.	Gaffney, Donna	Online		Higgins, Dani
5.	Hightower, Sandra		X	Johnson, Ashley
6.	Hinson, Al. J.	Online		Johnson, Mandy
7.	Krome, Medora	Online		Maldonado, Elizabeth
8.	Miles, Linda A.	In-person		Moorman, Gloria
9.	Negrini, Mirta		X	Olson, Scott
10.	Perez, Joaquin		X	Sepulveda, Catalina
11.	Pringle, Richard		X	Sigala, Abbigail
12.	Robles de Melendez, Wilma	Online		Vega, Kathy
13.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	In-person		Villanueva, Lourdes
14.	Salustro, Larry	In-person		
15.	Tighe, Sonia	In-person		<b>Guest Present Online</b>
16.	Vallejo, Ansberto	Online		Carr, David (Interpreter)
17.	Weisinger, Jaime	Online		Ferrari, Bill

**1) Meeting Opening**

**a. Roll Call**

Roll call was conducted by Elizabeth Maldonado. A quorum was reached.

**b. Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Linda A. Miles, President, called the meeting to order. The meeting began at 12:38 p.m. Dani Higgins introduced the Mulberry Community Academy award-winning chess team. The ESOL teacher school recognized two excellent students in reading.

**c. Call For Public Comment**

Linda A. Miles made a call for public comment. No public comments were made.

**d. Changes to the Agenda**

**2) Consent Agenda – Meeting Minutes**

a. School Board Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2023

b. Charter Committee Meeting Minutes

i. Wimauma + Mulberry Community Academy

ii. Immokalee Community Academy

**3) Consent Agenda – Academic**

a. Academic Dashboards

i. Wimauma Community Academy

ii. Immokalee Community Academy

iii. Mulberry Community Academy

#### 4) Consent Agenda – Finance

- a. Charter Academies Financial Statements
  - i. Immokalee Community Academy
  - ii. Wimauma Community Academy
  - iii. Mulberry Community Academy
  
- b. Charter Academies Budget Adjustments
  - i. Immokalee Community Academy
  - ii. Wimauma Community Academy
  - iii. Mulberry Community Academy
  
- c. Charter Academies Revenue & Expenses Graphs
  - i. Immokalee Community Academy
  - ii. Wimauma Community Academy
  - iii. Mulberry Community Academy

#### 5) Consent Agenda Approval

- a. Approval of the Full Consent Agenda  
Linda A. Miles asked if there was any interest in withdrawing Consent Agenda items. Medora Krome noted an attendance discrepancy and asked to update the School Board's October minutes.

***Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to approve the Full Consent Agenda with the noted change to the October School Board minutes. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

#### 6) Leadership Report

- a. Charter School Committee Chair  
Linda Miles reported on behalf of the recent Charter School Committee, highlighting the successful replication of RCMA Charter Academies.
  
- b. Director of Charter Schools  
Juana Brown shared her recent appropriation
  
- c. Charter Academy Principals  
Mark Hagggett, Wimauma Community Academy Principal of 6-8th grade, summarized the Charter performance data, highlighting the success of reading scholars' focus, and discussed the action request for Out-of-Field teachers for board approval. Shared the school grade of a C, three points from a B, but WCA is on track for a better grade.

Mandy Johnson, Wimauma Community Academy Principal of K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, shared the excitement of onboarding a Fourth-grade teacher.

Zulaika Quintero, Immokalee Community Academy Principal, provided a summary of the Charter performance data, highlighting the goal of full enrollment capacity in eighth grade, recruitment efforts with a focus on Middle School, hiring of teachers, parent involvement, and Out-of-Field teachers board approval.

Dani Higgins, Mulberry Community Academy Principal, summarized the charter performance data by presenting a slideshow, highlighting the anticipation of full enrollments, increasing the use of social media to increase enrollments, family success stories, and the successful opening of the afterschool program.

- d. SAC Presidents  
No presentations were shared.

**7) Old Business**

- a. 2023 Wimauma Committee Academy (WCA) Audit  
Larry Salustro mentioned the WCA was review by the Finance Committee after the October 2023 board meeting. The auditors answered all questions.

***Motion: Larry Salustro made the motion to approve the 2023 Wimauma Community Academy Audit. Medora Krome seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

- b. 2023 Immokalee Committee Academy (ICA) Audit  
Larry Salustro mentioned the ICA was review by the Finance Committee after the October 2023 board meeting. The auditors answered all questions.

***Motion: Larry Salustro made the motion to approve the Immokalee Community Academy Audit. Ansberto Vallejo seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

- c. Other  
None.

**8) New Business**

- a. Auditor Selection Committee Memo  
Larry Salustro discussed the memo in detail regarding the request for proposals. A discussion ensued as the Committee recommended the board make an Audit Firm selection decision. Barbara Mainster Rollason requested her name be corrected throughout the official memo.

***Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to approve Vedeja, De Arma, Trujillo, Alvarez as the individual Charter Academies Auditing Firm for the year just completed to retain and authorize staff to enter into a contract with Vedeja, De Arma, Trujillo, Alvarez. Aedan Dowling seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

- b. Mulberry Community Academy Address Change  
Linda Miles noted that the correct address to Mulberry Community Academy should be 4438 Academy Drive, Mulberry, Florida 33860.

***Motion: Aedan Dowling made the motion to approve the address correction to Mulberry Community Academy. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

- c. Wimauma Community Academy Out-of-Field Teachers  
Mark Hagggett noted two new teachers who are out-of-field. The list of out-of-field teachers includes: Nubia Yaruro, Lynn Kratcha, Rosa Velez, Morgan Garcia, Kalynn Viramontes, and Harry Rodriguez.

***Motion: Aedan Dowling made the motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy Out-of-Field teachers. Medora Krome seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

- d. Immokalee Community Academy Out-of-Field Teachers  
The list of out-of-field teachers includes Alian Lopez, Suaidy Cheo Cruz, Inmaculada Garrido Castellanos, Beatriz Guzman, Freshia Rodriguez, Alexandra Martinez, Mayra Montalvo, Delia Quintana, Nathaniel Vaughn, Jordan Rios, Eliud Trejo, and Angelica Zaragoza.

***Motion: Aedan Dowling made the motion to approve the Immokalee Community Academy Out-of-Field teachers. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

- e. Mulberry Community Academy Out-of-Field Teachers  
The list of out-of-field teachers includes: Jennifer Pagan, and Jennifer Suarez.

***Motion: Aedan Dowling made the motion to approve the Mulberry Community Academy Out-of-Field teachers. Medora Krome seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

- f. Other  
None.

**9) General Discussion**

- a. Tallahassee Trip Presentation by RCMA Students  
Topic of discussion omitted.
- b. Mulberry Charter Capital Campaign Update
- c. RCMA Email Addresses
- d. Other  
None.

**10) Closing**

- a. Adjournment  
The school board meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

*Motion: Medora Krome made the motion to adjourn the School Board meeting. Aedan Dowling seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,  
*Elizabeth Maldonado*  
Elizabeth Maldonado  
Executive Administrative Manager