



**RCMA Special School Board Meeting
May 9, 2024
2:00PM – 3:00PM**



Virtual: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89980538666>

Meeting ID: 899 8053 8666

By phone: (929) 436 2866

MINUTES

Attendance				
	Board Members-At-Large	Present	Absent	Staff Present Online
1.	Bayer, Michael T.	X		Brown, Juana
2.	Dowling, Aedan J.	X		Garcia, Isabel
3.	Gaffney, Donna		X	Maldonado, Elizabeth
4.	Hightower, Sandra	X		Moorman, Gloria
5.	Hinson, Al. J.		X	Sepulveda, Catalina
6.	Miles, Linda A.	X		
7.	Negrini, Mirta		X	Guest Present Online
8.	Perez, Joaquin	X		Ferrari, Bill
9.	Pringle, Richard	X		Gross-Arnold, Melissa
10.	Robles de Melendez, Wilma		X	Phillips, Lindsay
11.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	X		
12.	Salustro, Larry	X		
13.	Tighe, Sonia	X		
14.	Vallejo, Ansberto		X	
15.	Weisinger, Jaime	X		

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 2:03 p.m.

c. Call For Public Comment

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

d. Changes to the Agenda

None.

2) Leadership Report

a. Executive Director Report

Isabel Garcia recapped information from the last board meeting regarding Mulberry Charter School Expansion and LLCs, including a timeline of events from late 2019 to the end of 2023 and today.

3) Old Business

a. Other

None.

4) New Business

a. Charter School Presentation and Updates

During the presentation led by Lindsay Phillips of Phillips Advisory, updates were shared regarding the Mulberry Community Academy (MCA) campus, including progress since January 2024, facility updates for phase three, project budget, and financing, which covered Schools of Hope loan updates. Additionally, Juana Brown shared current and projected enrollment figures and program highlights for the three Charter Academies.

Lindsay Phillips continued the presentation with the schematic design of the potential school location in Mulberry. Gloria Moorman recognized the efforts of board members in securing supporting funds and advocacy, which led to significant gifts. Long-term success was emphasized, which included board and Campaign Cabinet engagement, Child Development Center and Charter tours, awareness events, and increased development and marketing capacities. Board members offered comments, and a discussion ensued.

Isabel Garcia virtually introduced Melissa Gross-Arnold of Arnold Law Firm to all board members. As part of an ongoing presentation, Melissa Gross-Arnold discussed RCMA's current organizational structure, which includes holding all charters and charter-related property in the same legal entity. Melissa Gross-Arnold then proposed a new diagram with a structure that separates the entities legally. This new structure would consist of one LLC that holds MCA property and leases it to RCMA Charter LLC and one or more LLCs that hold charters. The school board will govern the charter academies only. After board members commented, a discussion ensued.

Following the LLCs discussion, there will be a board member workshop led by Arnold Law Firm before the next School Board meeting on June 3, 2024.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made the motion to approve the Term Sheet, which authorized Isabel Garcia to sign. Larry Salustro seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Larry Salustro made the motion to approve the restructuring of new charter-related legal entities as proposed in the diagrams on slides 11-12 of the presentation. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Other
None.

5) General Discussion

- a. Other
None.

6) Closing

- a. Adjournment
The school board meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Motion: Richard Pringle made the motion to adjourn the School Board meeting. Larry Salustro seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Maldonado
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Executive Administrative Manager