



**RCMA School Board Meeting (Online only)**  
**July 24, 2024**  
**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**



Virtual:

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Meeting ID: 848 590 7072 Passcode: Summer24

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**MINUTES**

| <b>Attendance</b> |                               |                  |               |                             |
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|                   | <b>Board Members-At-Large</b> | <b>e-Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Staff Present Online</b> |
| 1.                | Bayer, Michael T.             | Online           |               | Brown, Juana                |
| 2.                | Dowling, Aedan J.             | Online           |               | Gomez, Edith                |
| 3.                | Gaffney, Donna                | Online           |               | Haggett, Mark               |
| 4.                | Hightower, Sandra             | Online           |               | Johnson, Ashley             |
| 5.                | Hinson, Al. J.                |                  | X             | Maldonado, Elizabeth        |
| 6.                | Miles, Linda A.               | Online           |               | Moorman, Gloria             |
| 7.                | Perez, Joaquin                |                  | X             | Olson, Scott                |
| 8.                | Pringle, Richard              | Online           |               | Quintero, Zulaika           |
| 9.                | Robles-Melendez, Wilma        |                  | X             | Sepulveda, Catalina         |
| 10.               | Rollason, Barbara Mainster    | Online           |               | Villafuerte, Ambar          |
| 11.               | Salustro, Larry               | Online           |               | Villanueva, Lourdes         |
| 12.               | Tighe, Sonia                  | Online           |               | Way, Pam                    |
| 13.               | Vallejo, Ansberto             |                  | X             |                             |
| 14.               | 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. She thanked all School Board members who joined the call on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting began at 1:10 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) Consent Agenda – Meeting Minutes**

- a. School Board Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2024
- b. Emergency School Board Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2024

**3) Consent Agenda – Academic**

- a. 2024-2025 Mulberry Community Academy Academic School Calendar – Revised

***Motion: Richard Pringle made a motion to approve the full consent agenda. Sonia Tighe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

**4) New Business - Action**

- a. 2024-2025 Capital Outlay Reports  
 Juana Brown detailed the capital outlay plan allocations for Wimauma Community Academy (WCA), Immokalee Community Academy (ICA), and Mulberry Community Academy

(MCA). She clarified that the charter schools could use the capital outlay funds for any of the listed expenditures. Juana Brown pointed out that Wimauma Community Academy and Mulberry Community Academy had indicated they planned to use the funds to purchase vehicles for student transportation. Larry Salustro then made a comment, which led to a discussion.

***Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Wimauma Community Academy Capital Outlay Plan, 2024-2025 Immokalee Community Academy Capital Outlay Plan, and 2024-2025 Mulberry Community Academy Capital Outlay Plan. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion and, the motion passed unanimously.***

b. 2024-2025 Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plans (MHAA)

Mark Haggett provided a brief overview of the Mental Health Assistance Allocation (MHAA) plans for Wimauma Community Academy and Immokalee Community Academy. He also mentioned that the allocation details and the corresponding expenditure forms for the MHAA funds were available for review.

***Motion: Sonia Tighe made a motion to approve the Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plans for the three academies; Wimauma Community Academy, Immokalee Community Academy, and Mulberry Community Academy. Larry Salustro seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

c. 2024-2025 Health, Safety, and Welfare Policies and Procedures

Mark Haggett reviewed the policies and procedures for all three academies, highlighting that Wimauma Community Academy has exceptions for exit doors, which are located inside the building. As a result, visitors must check in at the reception before entering. Staff access their areas using entry pins or badges. Additionally, all campus doors lock automatically after use.

It was discussed that some doors, which are not self-locking, need to be addressed, particularly at Immokalee Community Academy (ICA). The Charter Principals offered their feedback, leading to further discussion.

***Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to approve each academy's 2024-2025 Health, Safety, and Welfare Policies and Procedures, including Wimauma Community Academy, Immokalee Community Academy, and Mulberry Community Academy. Donna Gaffney seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

d. Operating Agreements

Linda A. Miles asked Larry Salustro to present the operating agreements. Mr. Salustro explained that these agreements, also known as bylaws, had been approved by the Governance Committee, signed by the Board Chair, and submitted to the Charter Academy Attorney. Michael T. Bayer raised a question regarding term lengths. In response, Larry Salustro clarified that there are no term limits.

Linda A. Miles then shared that she had individually contacted each board member to inquire about their preferences for serving on the Charter School Board, the Board of Directors, or both. She noted that the responses showed significant overlap. Official elections will be held at the next board meeting in October.

***Motion to ratify: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to ratify the Operating Agreements, including the Property LLC and Charter LLC. Sonia Tighe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

## 5) General Discussion

a. Other

Isabel Garcia further discussed several draft agreements and documents, including: 1) Assignment of assets and liabilities; 2) Assignments of charters (policies and school board);

3) Agreements between RCMA and the Charters; and 4) Charter School leases. Larry Salustro inquired about the timeline for approving these documents. Ms. Garcia replied that while there was no specific deadline, the documents needed to be filed promptly. This led to a discussion. Barbara Mainster Rollason volunteered to draft the agreements.

**6) Closing**

a. Adjournment

Linda A. Miles expressed her gratitude to the board for completing the governance surveys sent by Carter and reminded them about the upcoming governance board workshop scheduled for September 11, 2024.

The School Board meeting was then adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

***Motion: Michael Bayer made the motion to adjourn the School Board meeting. Sonia Tighe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
*Elizabeth Maldonado*  
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Executive Administrative Manager