



**RCMA Annual School Board Meeting**  
**UF Gulf Coast Research and Education Center**  
**Wimauma, FL**  
**12:30PM – 2:00PM**  
**Virtual:**

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**MINUTES**

| Attendance                          |                            |           |        |                             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|
|                                     | Board Members-At-Large     | Present   | Absent | Staff Present In-Person     |
| 1.                                  | Dowling, Aedan J.          | In person |        | Brown, Juana                |
| 2.                                  | Hightower, Sandra          |           | X      | Garcia, Isabel              |
| 3.                                  | Mainster Rollason, Barbara | In-person |        | Juarez, Maria               |
| 4.                                  | Miles, Linda A.            | In-person |        | Johnson, Ashley             |
| 5.                                  | Salustro, Larry            | Online    |        | Maldonado, Elizabeth        |
| 6.                                  | Vallejo, Ansberto          | Online    |        | Olson, Scott                |
| 7.                                  | Weisinger, Jaime           |           | X      | Sepulveda, Catalina         |
|                                     |                            |           |        | Torres, Amenda              |
|                                     |                            |           |        | Villanueva, Lourdes         |
|                                     |                            |           |        |                             |
| School Board Parent Representatives |                            |           |        |                             |
|                                     | Petra Hernandez            |           | X      | Immokalee Community Academy |
|                                     | Rosalinda Rosales Ortiz    |           | X      | Mulberry Community Academy  |
|                                     | Graciela Daniel            | In person |        | Wimauma Community Academy   |
| Guests Present/Online               |                            |           |        |                             |
|                                     | Calderon, Yesenia          |           |        | Harper-Larsen, Kiley        |
|                                     | Ferrari, Bill              |           |        | Lopez, Joseph A. "Tony"     |

**1) Meeting Opening**

**a. Roll Call**

The 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 12:33 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**

No changes to the agenda were made.

**2) Consent Agenda – Meeting Minutes**

- a. School Board Meeting Minutes – October 2024

**3) Consent Agenda – Academic**

- a. Charter Academic Dashboards

- i. Immokalee Community Academy
- ii. Wimauma Community Academy
- iii. Mulberry Community Academy

- b. Charter Academies Out-of-Field Teacher Notification

- i. Immokalee Community Academy Out-of-Field Teachers
- ii. Mulberry Community Academy Out-of-Field Teachers
- iii. Wimauma Community Academy Out-of-Field Teachers

- c. Wimauma Community Academy Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan

#### **4) Consent Agenda – Finance**

- a. Charter Academies Financial Statements
  - i. Immokalee Community Academy Financial Statement
  - ii. Mulberry Community Academy Financial Statement
  - iii. Wimauma Community Academy Financial Statement
- b. 2024-2025 Charter Academies Budget Adjustment
  - i. Immokalee Community Academy Budget Adjustment
  - ii. Mulberry Community Academy Budget Adjustment
  - iii. Wimauma Community Academy Budget Adjustment
- c. Wimauma Community Academy Van Replacement Quotes and Reimbursement

#### **5) Consent Agenda Approval**

- a. Approval of the Full Consent Agenda  
In the October 2024 minutes, Aedan Dowling noted that he was in attendance in person, but was marked absent and in person.

***Motion: Aedan Dowling made a motion to approve the Full Consent Agenda with the noted change to the minutes. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

#### **6) Leadership Report**

- a. Director of Charter Schools  
The report from Juana Brown highlighted Mandy Johnson's appointment as the new Mulberry Community Academy Principal, succeeding Cristina Vega, whose resignation was effective 1/31/2025. To ensure a smooth transition, Mark Haggett, *Charter Operations*, and Ashley Johnson, *Charter Principal Manager*, will provide support with additional guidance from the advisory in the Charter committees.
- b. Student Advisory Council (SAC) Parent Representatives  
Wimauma Community Academy's Parent Representative, Graciela Daniel, shared positive updates, including the addition of a shaded sports court, successful Friday food sales organized by parents, and active student participation in the school garden and chicken coop.

#### **7) Old Business**

- a. Other  
None.

#### **8) New Business**

- a. Other  
None.

#### **9) General Discussion**

- a. Mulberry Charter Capital Campaign Update  
Catalina Sepulveda presented a Mulberry Charter Capital recap, including a status report as of January 6th, future projections, and an income sheet. She indicated that further discussions would occur in one-on-one Capital Campaign meetings. Regarding the Driscoll donation, Mark Haggett inquired about the deadline.
- b. School Board Orientations and Workshops  
Linda Miles shared the upcoming dates with all School board members.

c. Other

Larry Salustro provided an update on a significant contribution to the Krome Education Fund, detailing a recent deposit made as an endowment from the late former board member, Medora Krome. Ansberto Vallejo, serving as the Krome Education Fund Committee Chair, announced the spring timeline for award applications targeting the Fall 2025. Kylie Harper-Larsen expressed interest in joining the committee.

**10) Closing**

a. Next School Board Meeting (hybrid): April 28, 2025 – Wimauma, FL

b. Save the Date: RCMA's 25<sup>th</sup> Lipman Family Farm Golf Classic, May 17, 2025 – Naples Heritage Golf and Country Club

Linda Miles extended an invitation for board members to participate in the annual golf classic and welcomes donations of door prizes.

c. Adjournment

The school board meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

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