



RCMA School Board Regular Meeting

July 21, 2025

Online Only

2:00PM – 3:00PM

Virtual:

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Meeting ID: 885 8913 6394 Passcode: Board

By phone: (305) 224 1968; Passcode: 339036

MINUTES

Attendance				
	Board Members-At-Large	Present	Absent	Staff Present Online
1.	Dowling, Aedan J.	E-present		Brown, Juana
2.	Harper-Larsen, Kiley	E-present		Garcia, Isabel
3.	Hightower, Sandra		X	Gomez, Edith
4.	Lopez, Joseph A. "Tony"	E-present		Johnson, Ashley
5.	Mainster Rollason, Barbara	E-present		Maldonado, Elizabeth
6.	Miles, Linda A.	E-present		Mora, Pedro
7.	Salustro, Larry	E-present		Way, Pamela
8.	Vallejo, Ansberto	E-present		
9.	Weisinger, Jaime	E-present		
School Board Parent Representatives				
	Petra Hernandez		X	<i>Immokalee Community Academy</i>
	Rosalinda Rosales Ortiz		X	<i>Mulberry Community Academy</i>
	Graciela Daniel		X	<i>Wimauma Community Academy</i>
Guest				
	Dr. Quintero, Carlos			

1) Meeting Opening

a. Roll Call

Elizabeth Maldonado, RCMA Executive Administrative Manager, conducted the roll call. A quorum was reached.

b. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Board Chair Linda A. Miles called the meeting to order. The meeting began at 2:02 p.m. She congratulated Immokalee Community Academy (ICA) and Wimauma Community Academy (WCA) on their school grades. Additionally, the Governance Committee is continually working to enhance the effectiveness of its meetings. She encouraged board members to complete a post-meeting survey to support this effort.

c. Call For Public Comment

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

d. Changes to the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

2) Consent Agenda – Meeting Minutes

- a. School Board Meeting Minutes – June 2025

3) Consent Agenda – Academic

- a. Immokalee Community Academy Mental Health Plan
- b. Wimauma Community Academy Mental Health Plan
- c. Immokalee Community Academy and Wimauma Community Academy School Grades

- d. Immokalee Community Academy Renewal Letter of Intent

4) Consent Agenda Approval

- a. Approval of the Full Consent Agenda
Board Chair Linda A. Miles requested clarification and an update to the June 2025 minutes under the Graduate Support Report, noting comments to better reflect the impact of RCMA's programs.

Motion: Kiley Harper-Larsen made a motion to approve the Full Consent Agenda with the update to the June Board Meeting Minutes. Jaime Weisinger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5) New Business

- a. 2025-2026 Charter Academy Budgets
 - i. Aedan Dowling mentioned these budgets were reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee last week. Pamela Way, RCMA Accountant, presented the budgets for Immokalee Community Academy and Wimauma Community Academy. Edith Gomez, RCMA Accountant, presented the Mulberry Community Academy budget. Board members commented, and a discussion ensued.

Motion: Aedan Dowling made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Immokalee Community Academy budget as presented. Jaime Weisinger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Wimauma Community Academy as presented. Joseph "Tony" Lopez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Joseph Tony made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Mulberry Community Academy as presented. Kiley Harper-Larsen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. 2025-2026 Charter Academy Lease Agreements
Pamela Way and Edith Gomez, RCMA Accountants, presented and reviewed the lease agreements for each of the academies. A few board members inquired about the lease fund usage by Charter LLC and RCMA, Inc. Isabel Garcia shared that all three charter lease agreements are currently under review by a Charter Attorney, who is drafting new leases to specify usage and square footage for each shared space to enhance tracking. A board member recommended holding a Board workshop or assigning the Finance Committee to review the matter and provide recommendations to the full Board, emphasizing the need to address the broader financial implications.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Immokalee Community Academy Lease Agreement. Joseph "Tony" Lopez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Mulberry Community Academy Lease Agreement. Joseph "Tony" Lopez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Wimauma Community Academy Lease Agreement. Joseph "Tony" Lopez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- c. 2025-2026 Charter Academy Capital Outlay Plans
Pamela Way, RCMA Accountant, presented and reviewed the Capital Outlay Plan for each academy. Barbara Mainster Rollason raised a question regarding the allocation of charter school capital outlay funds, specifically concerning the purchase of vehicles for student transportation to and from the charter schools. A discussion followed regarding the criteria

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Immokalee Community Academy Capital Outlay Plan. Ansberto Vallejo seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Mulberry Community Academy Capital Outlay Plan. Kiley Harper-Larsen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Wimauma Community Academy Capital Outlay Plan. Kiley Harper-Larsen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Memorandum Relating to Interschool Loan
Isabel Garcia clarified that the loan is no longer required due to a reallocation of referendum dollars. A board member commented, and a discussion ensued. A brief discussion was held regarding the need to obtain quotes for the Wimauma Community Academy bus.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve RCMA Staff to obtain bus quotes and bids for Wimauma Community Academy. Joseph “Tony” Lopez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6) General Discussion

- a. Other
Discussion on Mulberry Community Academy
The Executive Director, Isabel Garcia, led the discussion and announced that the organization has received a new grant from the Department of Environmental Protection for the OnSyte Septic System Project. She also reported that the property mapping process for the proposed land division has been completed, resulting in the issuance of two active parcel numbers.

A board member emphasized the importance of reviewing the information previously communicated to donors regarding the construction of a new building. The board agreed that it is critical to identify which donors were solicited based on the original building plans and to determine appropriate messaging to communicate any changes. A general discussion followed.

- b. Other
None.

7) Closing

- a. Adjournment
The school board meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Motion: Joseph “Tony” Lopez made a motion to adjourn the RCMA School Board Meeting. Kiley Harper-Larsen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Maldonado
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Executive Administrative Manager