



# RCMA School Board Regular Meeting

June 23, 2025

Hilton Naples,

Naples, 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.                                  | Harper-Larsen, Kiley       | In person |                         | Garcia, Isabel              |
| 3.                                  | Hightower, Sandra          | Online    |                         | Johnson, Ashley             |
| 4.                                  | Lopez, Joseph A. "Tony"    | In person |                         | Maldonado, Elizabeth        |
| 5.                                  | Mainster Rollason, Barbara | In person |                         | Olson, Scott                |
| 6.                                  | Miles, Linda A.            | In person |                         | Sepulveda, Catalina         |
| 7.                                  | Salustro, Larry            | In person |                         | Torres, Amenda              |
| 8.                                  | Vallejo, Ansberto          | Online    |                         | Villanueva, Lourdes         |
| 9.                                  | Weisinger, Jaime           | Online    |                         |                             |
| School Board Parent Representatives |                            |           |                         |                             |
|                                     | Petra Hernandez            |           | X                       | Immokalee Community Academy |
|                                     | Rosalinda Rosales Ortiz    |           | X                       | Mulberry Community Academy  |
|                                     | Graciela Daniel            | Online    |                         | Wimauma Community Academy   |
| Guests Present/Online               |                            |           |                         |                             |
|                                     | De La Cruz, Emig           |           | In person               |                             |
|                                     | Ferrari, Bill              |           | Online                  |                             |
|                                     | Ortega, Katherine          |           | In person (Interpreter) |                             |
|                                     | Dr. Quintero, Carlos       |           | In person               |                             |

### 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 12:31 p.m.

#### 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 – April 2025

### 3) Consent Agenda – Academic

#### a. 2024-2025 Charter Academic Dashboards

- Immokalee Community Academy School Calendar
- Mulberry Community Academy School Calendar

iii. Wimauma Community Academy School Calendar

b. 2025-2026 Charter Academics Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plans

i. Immokalee Community Academy School Calendar

ii. Mulberry Community Academy School Calendar

iii. Wimauma Community Academy School Calendar

**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 Immokalee Community Academy Budget Revision

**5) Consent Agenda Approval**

a. Approval of the Full Consent Agenda

Board Chair Linda A. Miles pulled items 4.a. and 4.b. from the Consent Agenda under Finance for further discussion and approval to Other under New Business.

***Motion: Kailey Harper-Larsen made a motion to approve the Full Consent Agenda. Aedan J. Dowling seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

**6) Leadership Report**

a. Director of Charter Schools

Juana Brown, Director of Charter Schools, outlined information on the five-year CSGF budget plan, which prioritizes funding for transportation, summer and after-school programs, and ongoing support. These efforts aim to address pivotal gaps and promote academic success across all three schools. The budget includes both operational and academic needs.

Barbara Mainster Rollason requested clarification on how funds are allocated in the five-year plan, specifically, whether the budget covers only operations or additional areas. The Finance Committee will convene before the next School Board meeting to review the proposed budget and discuss the five-year strategic loan.

Larry Salustro asked about the status of the Schools of Hope loan. Juana Brown reported that, unlike last year, RCMA received the funds earlier this year. The Board Chair recommended postponing further discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Loan from Immokalee Community Academy to Mulberry Community Academy until the October meeting.

Ashley Johnson, Principal Manager, shared updates on summer school enhancements, including increased academic support, field trips, and literacy opportunities. She also presented data from three academic dashboards, highlighting student progress and recent successes.

b. School Advisory Council (SAC) Parent Representatives

No reports were shared or provided.

**7) Old Business**

a. Other

None.

**8) New Business**

a. 2025-2026 Proposed School Board Meeting Dates

***Motion: Kiley Harper-Larsen made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Board dates as presented. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

b. School Board Manager Nomination

Linda A. Miles introduced Dr. Carlos Quintero as a nominee for the School Board of Managers, recommended by the Nominating Committee. Dr. Quintero currently serves as Chief Integration Officer and Medical Director for the Center for Patient Optimization at Naples Comprehensive Health (NCH). He was introduced to RCMA by a former employee, has toured the RCMA Collier facilities, and has facilitated a visit for Immokalee Community Academy (ICA) students to the NCH simulation center.

***Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the nomination of Dr. Carlos Quintero for the School Board of Managers. Joseph A. "Tony" Lopez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

c. Other

Board Chair Linda A. Miles pulled items 4.a. *Charter Academies Financial Statements* and 4.b. *2024-2025 Immokalee Community Academy Budget Revision* from the Finance section of the Consent Agenda for further discussion. The Board discussed these items and subsequently approved them by motion.

***Motion: Sandra Hightower made a motion to approve the presented Charter Academies Financial Statements and the 2024-2025 Immokalee Community Academy Budget Revision. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

**9) General Discussion**

a. 2024-2025 Wimauma Community Academy (WCA) Graduate Support Report

Diana Perez, RCMA Wimauma Graduate Support staff, shared data detailing the number of WCA alumni successfully graduating high school. This year's results demonstrate the value of graduate support for alumni throughout the four years of high school. This year's data is the best yet, with all but one student graduating successfully from high school.

Support for transitioning students is critical, whether it be from early childhood to Kindergarten, eighth to high school, or through high school and beyond. WCA's PK to Kinder Transition pilot, funded by Conn Foundation, is an example of what collaboration can help realize.

b. The Krome Educational Fund Scholarship Awards – Fall 2025

Ansberto Vallejo, RCMA Krome Scholarship Committee Chair, provided an overview of the scholarship program, presenting a list of recipients and sharing their career paths and college choices. He highlighted the success of Freddy Jimenez, an RCMA alumnus, DACA recipient, recipient of the Krome Scholarship award, and recent graduate from Washington State University. Board member Barbara Mainster Rollason encouraged fellow members to consider serving as mentors to these students.

c. Next School Board Meeting (hybrid): July 21, 2025 – Online Only

d. Other

None.

**10) Closing**

a. Adjournment

The school board meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

***Motion: Joseph A. "Tony" Lopez made a motion to adjourn the RCMA School Board Meeting. Aedan Dowling seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Maldonado*

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Executive Administrative Manager