



**RCMA School Board Regular Meeting
October 27, 2025
UF/IFAS Immokalee, 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		Quintero, Zulaika
7.	Quintero, Dr. Carlos	Online		Sepulveda, Catalina
8.	Vallejo, Ansberto	Online		Tiso, Jacqueline (Online)
9.	Weisinger, Jaime	In person		Torres, Amenda
				Villanueva, Lourdes
School Advisory Council (SAC) Parent Representatives				
	Yuridia Martinez		X	<i>Immokalee Community Academy</i>
	Rosalinda Rosales Ortiz	Online		<i>Mulberry Community Academy</i>
	Claudia Granados	Online		<i>Wimauma Community Academy</i>

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 12:35 p.m. Linda Miles shared opening remarks emphasizing the importance of strengthening Charter representation to better support community schools. She encouraged participation in the Charter committee meetings, especially for new members, noting that these meetings are typically held about a week prior to the regular board meetings and that all members are welcome to attend.

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 – July 2025; August 2025; September 2025

3) Consent Agenda – Academic

- a. 2025-2026 Quarter 1: Charter Academic Dashboards
 - i. Immokalee Community Academy Data Dashboard

- ii. Mulberry Community Academy Data Dashboard
- iii. Wimauma Community Academy Data Dashboard
- b. Charter Academy Employee Handbook

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

5) Consent Agenda Approval

- a. Approval of the Full Consent Agenda
A board member noted a correction regarding the financial forms, clarifying that the July board meeting budgets represent the correct figures for the school.

Motion: Jaime Weisinger made a motion to approve the Full Consent Agenda. Kiley Harper-Larsen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6) Leadership Report

- a. Director of Charter Schools
Juana Brown, Director of Charter Schools, provided a brief update on recent legislative changes affecting high-performing charter schools in Florida. Key points included expanded enrollment flexibility, longer charter renewal terms, and the ability to replicate programs or consolidate charters.

Zulaika Quintero, Principal of Immokalee Community Academy (ICA), reported on the charter renewal process, including a recent visit from reviewers and successful document uploads to the state portal. Immigration issues and mental health concerns remain significant at the Immokalee Campus. Efforts such as ticket sales to support families were noted, along with calls for continued community support. Board Vice Chair Jaime Weisinger emphasized that RCMA schools provide comprehensive care beyond academics.

Mark Hagggett, Principal of Wimauma Community Academy (WCA), and Dani Higgins, Principal of Mulberry Community Academy (MCA), seconded the impacts on Immigration issues on their campuses. Also, shared highlights from their respective school dashboards. They emphasized key successes and challenges experienced during this period. Mark enthusiastically announced that the school running teams qualified for the state championship on Saturday, November 1.

Ashley Johnson presented enrollment comparison data for each academy across the 2023, 2024, and 2025 school years, along with achievements in reading and math.

- 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 Immokalee Community Academy Out of Field Teachers

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Immokalee Community Academy Out of Field Teachers as presented. Jaime Weisinger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. 2025-2026 Mulberry Community Academy Out of Field Teachers

Motion: Kiley Harper-Larsen made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Mulberry Community Academy Out of Field Teachers as presented. Aedan Dowling seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- c. 2025-2026 Wimauma Community Academy Out of Field Teachers

Motion: Jaime Weisinger made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Wimauma Community Academy Out of Field Teachers as presented. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Other
None.

9) General Discussion

- a. Legislative Updates

Juana Brown, RCMA Director of Charter Schools, provided a detailed overview of recent legislative updates and their impacts on Charter operations, including implications for the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) program. A discussion followed.

Isabel Garcia, RCMA Executive Director, attended the CEO Retreat hosted by the Charter School Growth Fund (CSGF) on October 15 that supported the development of a strategic growth plan and financial model. While there is no immediate pressure, she emphasized the importance of creating a sustainable model for growth. The CSGF requested an update on the latest financial projections to support future planning. Internally, budget workshops are scheduled this year with a focus on long-term financial sustainability. She also discussed opportunities for School Readiness expansion to continue serving more children.

- b. Next School Board Meeting (hybrid): January 26, 2026 – UF/IFAS, Wimauma, FL

- c. Other
None.

10) Closing

- a. Adjournment

The school board meeting was adjourned at 1: 52 p.m.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason 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