

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CAPE CORAL  
CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD**

March 11, 2025

Council Chambers

5:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chair Jackson at 5:10 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** – Chair Jackson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Jackson

**Roll Call:** Members Atisele, Jackson, Katine, Kilraine, Michaels, Minaya, and Santos were present.

Parent Representatives: Hoagland/OHS, Schade/OMS, and Rouzeau/OEN were present. Gibson/OES was not present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting – February 11, 2025

***Member Kilraine moved, seconded by Member Santos, to approve the minutes (for the Charter School Authority Governing Board Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2025). Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.***

**CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Jackson inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

***Member Kilraine moved, seconded by Member Michaels, to approve as stated. Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.***

**CITIZENS INPUT TIME**

No speakers

**CONSENT AGENDA**

No activity

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Request for Approval of the Charter School Authority Governing Board Amended Master Meetings Calendar SY 2025

Discussion held regarding moving the approved Regular Meeting of November 11, 2025 to November 18, 2025.

***Member Kilraine moved, seconded by Member Santos, to approve the calendar with the noted change (moving the approved Regular Meeting of November 11, 2025 to November 18, 2025).***

Member Michaels commented on:

- Whether the Board needed to meet every month
- Based on when school is not in session, consider not having meetings
- Consider second revision to address any months with administrative input

Chair Jackson commented:

- Things come up unexpectedly due to timing
- There are times where there is nothing urgent
- Do we set a specific month where we take a break?
- Or do we leave it open and fluid to Staff when they say there is not much on agenda to consider not having that meeting?

Assistant City Attorney Moriarty encouraged keeping the Regular Meeting Calendar.

Member Kilraine recommended keeping the calendar as is.

Assistant City Attorney Moriarty commented:

- Voting perspective - best if the Board voted 30 days in advance to forego the following meeting not the Superintendent

Member Kilraine explained a similar situation at Council recently.

Chair Jackson noted 15 days is usually when there is a decision on the agenda.

Member Minaya commented on possibly changing language in the bylaws.

Member Michaels commented to consider not having meetings when school is out.

Chair Jackson suggested:

- At a regularly scheduled meeting if the Superintendent feels that the next meeting would have a light agenda maybe consider a vote to not have the next meeting
- If situations arise, can always have a Special Meeting

***Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Request for Approval of the Updated Charter School Authority Transportation Job Description and Salary Range**

Superintendent Collins shared:

- This is a position that was archived
- At one time we had a Dispatch Person, Transportation Coordinator, and Transportation Manager
- Was not enough work to keep all 3 people busy 24/7
- Transportation Coordinator left
- We are losing our Transportation Dispatcher at the end of the year due to retirement
- Need someone who can do both positions – Dispatch and Coordinator
- Combined these two positions into one
- Salary Range \$21.28- \$29.79 Hourly \$35,920.64 - \$50,285.52 Annually
- CDL a bonus
- Not a 12-month position
- 211 days, when students are off, this person does not work, off in June
- July – bus scheduling done

***Member Kilraine moved, seconded by Member Michaels, to approve.***

Member Katine questioned what happens when a bus driver is injured and cannot work.

Superintendent Collins responded:

- A bus driver can do dispatch if on light duty.

***Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.***

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Collins reported on:

- Displayed slides on what’s been going on in the schools
- Tied it in with Strategic Plan goals
- Took a trip with others to R. Dan Nolan Middle School in Manatee County
- Animatronics Middle School Level
- Will have a meeting later on this week with the producer - Garner Holt
- Will discuss cost, timeframe
- Will need to line up sponsors
- Animatronics High School Level

- Goal #1 Student Achievement: 1.2 Develop Innovative Curriculum
- Strategic Goal #2 2.4 Develop Workforce Pathways
- Oasis Career Fair last week
- Local companies attended
- Internships, apprenticeships
- Community Partnerships
- Strategic Goal #3: 3.4 Cultivate Economic Allies
- Met with Sergio from Incredible Bank who will sponsor our STEM Program, Oasis Elementary Robotics Competition in April
- Later in the week meeting with Owens Ames Kimball Construction Company
- Strategic Plan Goals
- 2.1 Recruit and Retain Qualified Staff Educational Staff, Bus Drivers
- School Spring hiring platform
- Ed Weekly monthly subscription to advertise positions
- 2.2 Educator Development
- Support Staff
- Oasis Social Worker
- National School Social Work Conference, April 2025 in Atlanta, Georgia
- Interviewing 2 FGCU interns in April for upcoming school year
- Food Service Manager attending National Child Nutrition Director's Conference in Orlando in April
- Teaching Staff attending AVID National Conference, June 2025, in Tampa
- SB296 – Bill deletes the requirement that instructional days for middle schools and high schools begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
- Last Saturday celebration of Oasis 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary
- "It is truly such an honor to be a part of this unique and special community." – MaryBeth Grecsek (slideshow – Pioneers of Oasis Elementary South 2005-2006, OES Through the Years)

Chair Jackson commented on the progress towards the Strategic Goals.

Member Michaels questioned:

- Could the Charter Schools avoid being subject to the start time law?

Superintendent Collins responded:

- As far as she knew, we were required to follow it.
- Even with an exemption waiver, we would be going against every high school in the County
- One exemption for one type of Charter School in a workplace.

Discussion held regarding:

- Grandfathering a high-performance Charter School if so designated

Member Kilraine commented on:

- Excellent program
- Incredible Bank – leaders in support for a lot in the community
- CCCIA and the Chamber of Commerce tied to them

Member Atisele commented:

- 2 Interns to support the current social worker
- Are they participating in a Master's Degree Program?

Superintendent Collins responded:

- FGCU interns – request at least one student doing internship with a Master's Degree, might have students first level internship with Bachelor's Degree
- Forming relationship, over time will have interns with higher credentials

Member Minaya commented on:

- Animatronics - Amazon building center here, robots, may be a great target for a sponsor

Superintendent Collins responded in the affirmative.

Chair Jackson commented on:

- Career Fair - Training Center for Public Safety
- Questioned if she talked to them about utilizing the facilities

Superintendent Collins responded:

- Spoke to Fire Chief about 1-2 years ago about having some type of Fire Academy at Oasis, premature at that time, can entertain that conversation again
- Potential of an internship

Member Katine asked what the location would be for the Robotics Competition at the elementary level on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Collins responded it would be in the High School Gym.

Discussion held regarding:

- Asked other elementary schools to participate in this competition
- Lee County couldn't make it happen
- State-wide participation
- Second year for this event

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Interim Assistant City Manager Mason – No report

## COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

District 5 Councilmember Kilraine reported on:

- Spent last two days at the National League of Cities
- Breakout session on Workforce Preparation and Education
- Of the 300 attendees no one had a parallel program
- AI Advances, STEM, excellent program
- Thanked Superintendent Collins for all that she does

## CHAIR REPORT

Chair Jackson questioned the workshops at the elementary school.

MaryBeth Grecsek, Principal, Oasis Elementary South, responded:

- How it came about
- After Christmas break, a lot of students were bringing negative effects from their devices into school.
- Worked with Teacher Leaders at the school, created a Parent Workshop
- Sent flyers and advertised on social media
- Focus on Digital Devices – 50 or 60 attendees, interested in the topic
- Spoke about management of screen time
- Cautioned using inappropriate sites
- Did survey, great feedback
- Parent Workshop 2 focused on helping parents dealing with anxiety and self-regulation
- Tomorrow night – Digital Workshop 2 – Parent Workshop 3 – inviting kids
- Will facilitate discussions

Chair Jackson commented on filling this void that parents have requested.

Member Katine appreciated the availability of these workshops.

Mrs. Grecsek invited all to the workshop tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

Member Atisele commented:

- Screen time usage
- Training desperately needed
- Service to the community by offering these workshops

Chair Jackson continued with his report:

- Topic – enrollment – where will we be in a couple of years from now?
- Strategy to put in place for options
- Do we limit the number of students being enrolled at the elementary school?

- Portables?
- Another building?
- Restructuring some of the schools and the spaces we use
- Give our future Board Members and Staff Members ideas on this issue

Member Kilraine commented:

- Make sure people understand how successful the Oasis system is and the benefit it pays to the City
- Supportive of increasing opportunities for youth in our City

### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Gary Cerny, Cape Coral Municipal Charter Schools Foundation President, reported on:

- Gala – March 29, 2025, provided website for purchasing tickets

Discussion held regarding the recent fundraiser at Tropical Breeze.

Member Kilraine left the dais at 6:00 p.m.

### **STAFF REPORT**

None

### **BOARD MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENT**

Member Katine – Topics: No report

Member Atisele – Topics: No report

Member Minaya – Topics: Potential value in a virtual school

Superintendent Collins responded:

- Mike Giallombardo is presenting a bill to address expansion since all schools in the County are all going through the same issues.
- Bill focuses on a hybrid model for schools.
- In a traditional virtual setting, you have to buy the platform, hire additional staff.
- Going to a hybrid model you could continue with the platform being utilized
- Express it to the students on google classroom
- Could learn partially from home/person
- Would need less seats
- Not forced to be in a brick and mortar building for attendance count
- Could also participate in sports
- Lee County Public School System was happy about that idea.

- Would be a great solution that would not cost schools an exorbitant amount of money to pay for the virtual platform.

Chair Jackson mentioned SB1462 was picking up some speed.

Member Michaels – Topics: No report

Member Santos – Topics: No report

Chair Jackson commented on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Oasis.

Discussion held regarding a policy that requires physical presence in a building to not only do course work but to test and to collaborate with other students.

### **TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETING**

The next Regular Governing Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 1015 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33990.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kimberly Bruns, CMC  
City Clerk