

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

March 10, 2026

Council Chambers

5:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chair Jackson at 5:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Chair Jackson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Jackson

Roll Call: Members Atisele, Jackson, Katine, and Kilraine were present. Member Michaels was excused. Member Santos arrived at 5:07 p.m.

Parent Representatives: Schade/OMS, Gibson/OES, and Rouzeau/OEN were present. Parent Representative Heuglin/OHS was excused.

Also Present:

Jacquelin Collins, Superintendent  
Kristie Belesiotis, CSA HR Manager  
Matthew Kirk, STEM Director  
Donnie Hopper, Principal, OMS  
MaryBeth Grecsek, Principal, OES  
Kevin Brown, Principal, OEN  
Tiffany Brown, OCS Social Worker  
Amanda Kendrick, OES School Counselor  
Caroline Picciolo, OHS Guidance Counselor  
Kathleen Paul-Evans, CSAGB Meetings Coordinator  
Mark Mason, Assistant City Manager  
Mark Moriarty, Assistant City Attorney  
Crystal Hand, Senior Management/Budget Analyst  
Agnes Sikora, Senior Accountant  
Rory Alvarez, Public Works/Facilities Manager

**STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

**Staff Recognition – Jack Concannon, OHS Educator – FLDOE Civics Immersion  
Workshop**

Superintendent Collins introduced Jack Concannon from Oasis High School. He recently participated in a Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) Professional Development Workshop in Tallahassee. This three-day event provided participants with an in-depth look at the workings of Florida's State Government, expanded their civic knowledge and

equipped them with classroom activities to use with their students. Fifty educators applied and were awarded this all-expense paid trip to Tallahassee.

Jack Concannon, OHS Educator, displayed the following slides:

- Picture 1: Mr. Concannon, OHS and Senator Ben Albritton, Florida State Senate President
- Picture 2: Mr. Concannon, OHS and Anastasios Kamoutsas, FL Commissioner of Education
- Picture 3: Members of the FLDOE 2026 Civic Immersion Workshop – Concannon is the only Lee County representative

Mr. Concannon spoke about his participation in the FLDOE 2026 Civics Immersion Workshop which included:

- Fifty educators across the State invited; he was the only Lee County representative
- The Workshop provided an in-depth view of the State government workings, expanded civics knowledge, and equipped them with classroom ready activities
- Visited several government buildings/offices
- Met various government officials and was able to hear their opinions on the future of education
- Focus on State and Local governments and his ability to share this knowledge with students and colleagues

Discussion held regarding:

- Ways local government affects our lives more than the National government
- Application process to attend this Professional Development Workshop
- Highly recommended for all educators to attend the workshop

### **Student Recognition – Winners of The Aspiring Authors Contest 2026; Read Across America 2026**

Superintendent Collins announced their participation in the Aspiring Authors Writing Contest sponsored by the Lee County Library System. Twenty-six finalists were chosen from the Oasis Charter School System. She announced the writing categories and recognized the teachers of the finalists:

- Jamie Ayres, Oasis Middle, was the teacher for 3 finalists
- Kelsey Flynn, Oasis South - 2 finalists
- Tiffany Brown – Oasis South
- Virginia Tann - Oasis South – 2 finalists
- Allison Cameron – Oasis South
- Sarah LaPorte – Oasis South
- Eugenia Canty – Oasis South
- Fawn Murphy – Oasis North
- Kimberly Lucas - Oasis South
- Janet Omundsen – Oasis High School - 2 finalists

- Anna Martin – Oasis High School

Discussion held regarding:

- Amazing accomplishment by the school system
- Prior participation

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Request for Approval of Charter School Authority Governing Board Regular Meeting  
Minutes on Tuesday, February 10, 2026

***Member Kilraine moved, seconded by Member Santos, to approve the minutes (for the Charter School Authority Governing Board Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2026), as presented. Voice Poll: All “Ayes.” Motion carried.***

### CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Jackson requested approval of the agenda.

***Member Kilraine moved, seconded by Member Atisele, to adopt the agenda, as presented. Voice Poll: All “Ayes.” Motion carried.***

### CITIZENS INPUT TIME

No Speakers.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Jackson asked if there were items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

***Member Kilraine moved, seconded by Member Atisele, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.***

Member Katine requested 9.a. be pulled for discussion.

***Member Kilraine modified his motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of 9.a. (Approve 9.b., 9.c., and 9.d. as presented) Second agreed. Voice Poll: All “Ayes.” Motion carried.***

Member Katine asked about professional development days that were added.

Superintendent Collins explained:

- Usually have two early release days for professional development
- Other professional development days are copied from the Lee County School District (LCSD) calendar

***Member Kilraine moved, seconded by Member Santos, to approve the Consent Agenda Item 9.a., as presented. Voice Poll: All "Ayes." Motion carried.***

**9.a. CSA Resolution 3-26**

A Resolution of the Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, Approving the Amended School District of Lee County, Florida Instructional Calendars for the School Years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 to Include Additional Days for Educator Professional Development for the City of Cape Coral Oasis Charter Schools; Providing for an Effective Date.

**APPROVED**

**9.b. CSA Resolution 10-26**

A Resolution of the Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, Approving the Regular Meeting Calendar Beginning August 18, 2026 Through June 22, 2027; Providing for an Effective Date.

**APPROVED**

**9.c. CSA Resolution 13-26**

A Resolution of the Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, Approving Revised Board Policies in Compliance with Current Changes in Related Rules, Regulations, and Statutes; Providing for an Effective Date.

**APPROVED**

**9.d. CSA Resolution 14-26**

A Resolution of the Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, Authorizing an Annual Add-Pay to Staff the ██████████ ██████████-System for a Total Estimated Annual Add-Pay Amount of \$35,140; Providing for an Effective Date.

**APPROVED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

**11.a. CSA Resolution 12-26**

A Resolution of the Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, Approving the Reclassification of One Paraprofessional II Position to One Interventionist Teacher Position; Providing for an Effective Date.

Superintendent Collins explained:

- Oasis Elementary North – A Paraprofessional II left, and the goal is to convert the position into an interventionalist teaching position effective this school year
- Benefit to the students

**Member Kilraine moved, seconded by Member Atisele, to approve 11.a. CSA Resolution 12-26. Voice Poll: All "Ayes." Motion carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT  
Jacquelin Collins, Superintendent

Superintendent Collins reported on the following:

- In February, counselors went to a professional development conference hosted by Harvard Medical School which focused on the mental health of high achieving students

CSA Mental Health Team Conference Report

Counselors reported on the following:

- CSA Mental Health Team Conference Report
- Attended Conference hosted by Harvard Medical School
- Wide range of topics: autism, gaming addiction and more
- 30-40% of high achieving students struggle with anxiety
- Students believe their value is dependent upon their personal achievement which includes personal perfectionism, academic expectations, and school culture
- Key message from the conference is to shift the focus from celebrating grades to celebrating healthy work habits, effort, discipline, balance, and growth
- All students can benefit from learning coping strategies related to mental health
- Male students may feel disconnect and not request assistance with emotions due to embarrassment; this can lead to depression, loneliness, and other mental health concerns which affect learning
- Implement programs, such as mentoring, to assist students in feeling comfortable
- Options include mentoring programs and small group discussion
- Navigating mental health needs with families
- Counselors are the first line of defense and the first resources for many students
- Approximately 50% of students with identified mental health needs have an onset age of 14
- Counselors are often the first to recognize mental health concerns
- Providing a safe place for students to open up about their concerns

Discussion held regarding:

- Student mental health is extremely important and additional funding and resources are needed, as well as continuing education in this field
- Youth mental health strategies should be shared with other school systems
- Students should feel comfortable discussing their struggles and building trust is imperative, so they are willing to talk about their concerns
- Incorporating autism and gaming addiction into mental health support
- Build executive functioning skills to include public speaking and organization skills

- Potential counseling for elementary students; all levels are included, but middle and high school students are the majority struggling with mental health issues

#### Cape Coral Youth Council Mental Health Student Survey

Superintendent Collins announced that Claire Johnson, an OHS Student who serves on the Youth Council, was invited to present the “Oasis Student Mental Health Survey,” but she was not present. Superintendent Collins will invite her to the April meeting.

#### Update on the Growth and Expansion Committee

Superintendent Collins provided an update on the Growth and Expansion Committee and stated that on March 3, 2026, she, Mark Mason, Nicole Reitler, and Rory Alvarez met and reviewed ideas on how to potentially grow and expand the Charter School System.

Several options and ideas were presented to bring direction and cohesiveness, including the feasibility of:

- Adding portables to increase high school student enrollment
- Expansion via brick-and-mortar facilities
- Identify/address expansion to a new offsite facility
- Consider alternative models such as hybrid, virtual, and Schools of Hope
- Consider reducing enrollment to fit within existing building

Next steps include:

- Analyzing the existing space and architectural specifications on the South Campus for potential portable locations; some sites are not conducive
- Consider the atrium area, tennis courts, and back parking lot areas
- New buildings currently cost between \$500 and \$600 per square foot, which means a minimum investment of \$25M to \$35M
- Discussion with City Council concerning their interest in expansion
- Potential debt figures for expansion options to be evaluated
- Potential debt associated with the Sports Complex
- Instability of local capital improvement dollars and Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funding
- Discuss reducing enrollment over time based on current matriculation rates

Discussion held regarding:

- Council is facing a large debt load, and the Charter School System should be included in their debt discussion
- 831 students at Middle School, matriculation rate at 88%
- Cannot currently serve more than 950 high school students
- Accommodating enrollment and the wait list
- Each school has their own application window and a lottery is done
- The Charter School System is a draw to this area

Superintendent Collins closed her report stating that the Power Players Community Impact Awards 2026 will be honoring Dr. Carol Rae Culliton as Philanthropist of the Year. Dr. Culliton has given generously to the STEM Program at the Charter School System. This event will be held on April 10, 2026.

CITY MANAGER REPORT  
Mark Mason, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Mason reported on the following:

- Spring Break is next week, and cleaning crews will be at all schools
- Playground at OES has been mulched and grass will soon be planted

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT  
Councilmember Joe Kilraine, District 5

Councilmember Kilraine reported on the following:

- Competitive nature of the school system
- Schools should be promoted at every opportunity
- Growth paying for growth and the City's growing population

Councilmember Kilraine left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

CHAIR REPORT – None  
Kristifer Jackson, Chair

FOUNDATION REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT

Superintendent Collins introduced Principal Hopper. Mr. Hopper has been the project coordinator behind the weapons detection system, and she commended him on a job well done.

Donnie Hopper, Principal, Oasis Middle School, reported on the following:

- Highest academic achieving year at Oasis Middle School (OMS) was last year
- OMS was ranked first in Lee County; in the top 10% in the State
- Total School Grade Points; almost 100 points above the next school
- Sports – Cross Country
- Girls Volleyball District Champions; Boys Volleyball District Champions
- Girls are currently competing in the soccer playoffs
- The Arts – Gator Dance Team
- Drama Team
- Band Program
- Awards – Aspiring Authors:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Memoir – Ana Sand
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Memoir – Ava Bartz
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Poetry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Memoir – Overall Middle School Winner – Lily Tirado
- Teacher – Jamie Ayres
- Opening Day – today was day one of the weapons detection system at OMS; anticipate shorter school entrance time frame once the students pare items brought to school and become more familiar with the process
- Several items make the system ping; these items must be pulled out and given to staff to confirm safety
- The detection system is state of the art equipment; same units used at Disney, TSA, etc.
- All three Civics teachers attended the Capitol Complex Immersion Program
- Two teachers attended the Ron Clark Academy to learn more about AI trends
- Social Emotional PD – Harvard Conference; OMS Counselor, Social Worker

Discussion held regarding:

- Detection system and reduction time as students become familiar with the process
- Desire to hear from the Ron Clark Academy teachers about AI trends
- Kids bring too many unnecessary items; ping rate should be around 5% and it was close to 30% today
- Don't want students to arrive early; it causes transportation challenges
- Emails to teachers that kids are still going through the detection line; delays affect breakfast time

Member Katine requested Aspiring Author Middle School Winner, Lily Tirado, be invited to present her poetry at the next meeting. Principal Hopper to invite her.

Chair Jackson suggested discussing with Superintendent Collins to create a Powerpoint which could be presented to City Council so they may see the accomplishments of the Charter Schools; doing so would highlight accomplishments and standings

#### REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMENTS

Parent Representative Rouzeau/OEN: Questioned if students that meet their goals will still have a celebration. Principal Brown to discuss with Parent Representative Rouzeau after the meeting.

Parent Representative Gibson/OES: No comment

Member Santos: Echoed the sentiment that all school accomplishments should be publicly recognized because it brings added value to the community. He encouraged everyone to attend the Girls Flag Football Game at Ida Baker High School this Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Atisele: No comment

Member Katine: Commended the Girls Flag Football Team and their sportsmanship and she appreciates Member Santos' coaching

Parent Representative Schade/OMS: He communicates with many parents, who express no complaints, and the schools are widely recognized as outstanding. The school system is in high demand.

Chair Jackson: commented on the cohesiveness of the Charter School System with the staff and City and the Board is fortunate to have this system.

#### TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETING

A Charter School Authority Governing Board Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Stacey Pasek  
Recording Secretary