

South Florida Autism Charter Schools, Inc.

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A Title I – Tuition Free Public Charter School

Governing Board Meeting Fri., March 31, 2023 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. **Financial Report**
 - a. **Budget / Referendum funds**

- II. **School Report**
 - a. **Reunification Plan**
 - b. **Carlos Albizu University**
 - c. **Nicklaus Children's Hospital & Project Adam**

- III. **Staff Report**
 - a. **Staffing**

- IV. **Misc.**
 - a. **Billboard**

- V. **Important Dates in April**
 - a. **4/03/23 - Light it up Purple / Police Caravan**
 - b. **4/10/23 - Multicultural Night / Open House**
 - c. **4/12/23 - Elementary Spelling Bee**
 - d. **4/22/23 - SFACS Walk & Safety Fair**

Principal / Executive Director
Tamara Moodie, Ph.D.

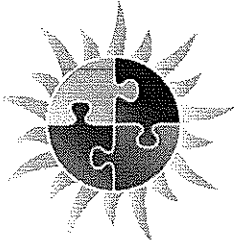
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Location: 3751 West 108 Street, Hialeah, Florida 33018; a Zoom link for members who wished to participate virtually:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87664333133?pwd=QmV3ZWZaV3JLUFpEQkhOTCvSUdtUT09>

Meeting ID: 876 6433 3133

Passcode: 212813

Present:

Board members: Glenn Pierce, Robert Cambo, Max Wyler, Dr. Cicily Payne-Nestor, Dr. Yadira Martinez

Staff: Dr. Moodie, Susan Leon

Mr. Pierce called the meeting to order. The board meeting minutes from the Jan. 17, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment: Mr. Pierce opened the floor for public comment; there was none.

Financial Report:

Mr. Pierce reported that the school continues to have a surplus.

Budget/Referendum Funds: Dr. Moodie reported that the first half of the referendum funds were used for staff holiday bonuses. She is proposing to use the second half for end-of-year bonuses. The board discussed, and then Mr. Cambo made a motion to spend the remaining referendum funds (not general operating) on end-of-year bonuses for staff; Dr. Nestor seconded; all approved.

IDEA Funds: Dr. Moodie reported that it is almost time for us to learn what our allocation will be for 22-23 IDEA funds. In the past the school has utilized these funds to pay the salaries of the LEA, behavior paraprofessionals, instructional materials and communication devices. The board

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discussed and agreed to utilize the funds in the same manner again this year. Mr. Cambo made a motion, Mr. Pierce seconded, and all approved.

School Report:

Reunification Plan: Dr. Moodie reported to the board that she recently participated in a Principal's Meeting with the CSCS office where emergency plans and reunification plans were discussed. She highly recommended following the district's plan, in which the school and the district partner together in the event of a school emergency where students must be transported to a secondary location. The board agreed that this was a good plan. Dr. Moodie is currently working on identifying a location nearby that could serve as a reunification location for students and families. Mr. Pierce made a motion for the school to pursue a Reunification Plan in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Dr. Nestor seconded; all approved.

Carlos Albizu University: Dr. Moodie reported that the university will be presenting to the staff on the April 7th teacher planning day to discuss various programs and services they offer to assist our staff in obtaining teaching degrees. Dr. Moodie is currently working to identify grants that will assist in providing staff scholarships.

Project Adam: Dr. Martinez and staff from Nicklaus Children's Hospital will also present on April 7th to the staff regarding cardiac emergencies and proper use and implementation of CPR, defibrillator with an AED, and other safety measures.

Staff Report:

Dr. Moodie reported that we continue to struggle with staffing, but the staff is still doing a great job. One certified teacher recently resigned, but we have hired 19 paraprofessionals since returning from winter break.

Misc.

The school will benefit from the donation of billboard space which will include 8 billboards for 36 days. They will promote the SFACS Walk and the Health Fair. Mr. Pierce suggested a slide encouraging donations.

Dr. Moodie went over important dates with the board, including Open House 4/10, Elementary Spelling Bee 4/12, SFACS Walk & Safety Fair 4/22, Health Fair 5/06.

Home Depot will be participating in the SFACS Walk, as well as Boeing. Dr. Moodie will be meeting with staff from both entities in the coming days.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is a Director and/or Officer of South Florida Autism Charter Schools, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of said corporation and the individual charter school sponsored by said corporation.

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**Glenn R. Pierce, Board Chairman
Prepared by: Susan L. Leon**