



South Florida Autism Charter Schools, Inc.

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Governing Board Meeting
Friday, August 30, 2024
8:00 a.m.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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Present:

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

Staff: Dr. Moodie, Susan Leon

Mr. Pierce called the meeting to order. The minutes from the last board meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

Financial Report:

Mr. Pierce went over the financial reports and the school is in good standing. Dr. Moodie reported on the last ESSER grants that are being submitted to the district.

School Report:

Dr. Moodie gave a status report on the two campuses. The Hialeah campus is at capacity at 300 students, and the students and staff are doing well. The South Dade campus opened with 2 students and now has 3 enrolled. Applications continue to come in. The Assistant Superintendent of schools visited well and Dr. Moodie is confident enrollment will continue to grow steadily.

Staff Report:

The Hialeah campus is almost fully staffed. As the South Dade location continues to enroll, the school will need to hire specialty teachers and ESE certified teachers.

Principal / Executive Director

Tamara Moodie, Ph.D.

Assistant Principal, Hialeah

Stephanie Ghitis, M.S.

Assistant Principal, South Dade

Maria Molero

Operations Director

Susan L. Leon

Governing Board

Glenn R. Pierce - *Chairman*

Robert Cambo - *Vice Chairman*

Yadira Martinez-Fernandez, M.D. – *Secty./Treas.*

Michael C. Marsh, J.D.

William "Max" Wyler

Carrie Landess, M.D.

Cicily Payne-Nestor, D.C.

Robin Parker, SLP.D., CCC – *Member Emeritus*

Advisory Board:

Susan Neimand, Ph.D.

Dean of the School of Education

Miami-Dade College

Consultants:

Frank Rodriguez, MS, BCBA

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Dr. Moodie reported that there are several teachers with existing waivers that need board approval, as well as newly hired teachers who are being issued waivers. In addition, there are several teacher assistants that will soon take the ESE K-12 examination. If they pass, they will be promoted to ESE Teachers. Dr. Moodie requested board approval of all waivers, as well as conditional approval for the staff taking the exam, so that they may be issued waivers upon passing. Susan Leon read into the minutes the following waivers:

TEACHERS WITH EXISTING WAIVERS:

Teacher Name	ASD	ELEM K-6	ESE K12	ESOL	READ	MUSIC	SP
Ammon, Amanda				X			
Collins, Sandy	X	X		X	X		
Falepiani, Kristen					X		
Ghitis, Stephanie					X		
Mitchell, Jeanette	X	X		X	X		
Mangual, Nilmary	X	X		X	X		
Molero, Maria					X	X	X
Rodriguez, Stephanie	X	X					
Rojas, Ariadna	X						
Soldevila, Silvia				X	X		
Walters, Sheila	X	X		X	X		
Whitman, Kara				X	X		
Zambrano, Maria					X		

TEACHERS FOR WHOM WAIVERS ARE BEING REQUESTED:

Teacher Name	ASD	ELEM K-6	ESE K12	ESOL	READ	MUSIC	SP
Beaumariaga, Tessa	X			X	X		
Curti, Mariana	X			X	X		

STAFF FOR WHOM CONDITIONAL WAIVERS ARE BEING REQUESTED:

Teacher Name	ASD	ELEM K-6	ESE K12	ESOL	READ	MUSIC	SP
Anuez, Miguel	X			X	X		
Bell, La'Tavia	X			X	X		
Vogel, Andrew	X			X	X		

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the Out of Field Waivers; Mr. Cambo seconded; all approved.

Board Members:

Dr. Carrie Landess has served as a member of the board since the creation of the school. Her board term recently expired, and given her complicated schedule as a physician, she has declined extending her term. However, she would like to remain on the Villages board, and has expressed an interest in joining the SFA Center board.

Dr. Yadira Martinez-Fernandez's term has also recently expired, and she would like to continue to serve. Mr. Cambo made a motion to approve the extension of Dr. Martinez-Fernandez's term; Dr. Nestor seconded, and all approved. Dr. Martinez-Fernandez has provided a new board disclosure as well as her identification, and Susan Leon will request a background check on her behalf.

Susan Leon reminded all the board members of their expiration dates for their current board training, as well as their board terms and background checks.

Student Report:

Dr. Moodie gave a status report on certain behavioral issues in the school, which she was happy to report have improved. She also advised of several seizures that occurred in the school in the first few days, and she stated how proud she was of her staff's performance during these crises.

Misc.

Dr. Moodie reminded the board of upcoming important dates: Ray of Hope Gala on 11/09/24, and the SFACS Walk on 4/19/25.

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2024.

Mr. Pierce then made a motion to adjourn, and all approved.

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