

**CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD
PEMBROKE PINES, FL**

September 8, 2025, 2025

At the Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD** on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:07 P.M., in the SW Regional Library Auditorium, 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida, Chair Reynoso called the meeting to order. All stood for the pledge. Board Secretary Borgstrom called the roll and declared a quorum.

2025-2026 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chair Reynoso, Vice Chair Dawkins, Members Thompson, Porven, White, Htiet, and Gill.

ABSENT: Members Sylvester and Fitzgerald

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant City Manager, Nalini Sohit-Vazquez, City Controller, Peter Bayer, Principal and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jonathan Bonilla welcomed the parents to the new school year. He spoke about the charter schools being designated as A+ for the 2024-2025 school year and the system is listed in the top 10% of the nation in US News and World Report publication.

Nalini Sohit-Vazquez, spoke about the fundraising efforts for the charter schools by listing the various areas of participation, which include the parent donation, corporate banners and sponsorships, parent banners, email blasts from partnerships, restaurant events, and SOS dress down days. She stated there had been great participation already since the beginning of school and encouraged parents to pick up flyers at the table that give information for fundraising events.

MINUTES:

A motion by Vice Chair Dawkins, seconded by Member Hteit, to approve the June 9, 2025 minutes as received passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

There were no requests for excused absences.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Bayer welcomed the parents to the new school year. He spoke about testing that had taken place for ninth graders and tenth graders on Wednesday. He reported that the school has been recognized as an A+ school for 2024-2025. He reported there are ten sports teams already active or will be active within the month. He spoke about the current uniform situation and asked parents help in keeping with dress code. Some girls are rolling up their shorts after leaving their parents' purview. The Parent Student Handbook for Academic Village was discussed and approved by the board to be sent to the City Commission for final approval. The use of AI in the classrooms and plagiarism was discussed. The allowance of wearing spirit shirts on Fridays was addressed.

A motion by Member Gill, seconded by Member White to approve the Parent Student Handbook for Academic Village for 2025-2026 passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

Board Member Htiet thanked the administration for the new nets and poles for the water polo team. AI use in the classroom and students using the technology correctly was spoken about. The changing of the school start time that was to begin in 2026 was questioned. Mr. Bayer stated that a school district can opt out of the

requirement with the state and the charter schools would follow the daily start schedule that Broward District Schools implements. An emergency drill was discussed, parents asking why students were sent into an area where a disturbance was reported. Mr. Bayer stated it turned into a false alarm and the students are taught to flee if they can. The situation is being evaluated. Lunch prices were also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business..

ADJOURNMENT OF PARENTS

The Chair adjourned the meeting for parents at 6:35 PM, who were invited to remain if they wanted to hear the Sunshine Law Presentation

SUNSHINE LAW PRESENTATION

Deputy City Attorney Julie Klahr presented the Sunshine and Record Retention Laws for the board member and took questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Reynoso adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Adjourned: 7:15 P.M

Approved: 10/6/2025