

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners  
**THRU:** Charles F. Dodge, City Manager  
**FROM:** Katherine Borgstrom – Board Secretary  
**DATE:** June 4, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Charter Elementary/Middle School Advisory Board Regular Meeting, June 2, 2026

### SUMMARY

**2025-2026 CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:**

**PRESENT:** Chair Imran Siddiqui, Vice Chair Donald Nicolas, Members Mark Phillips, Kavita Amar, Bonnie Ng and Karla McLaren, Alternate Member Diana Lee Baptiste

**ABSENT:** Members Nida Govaria, Cecilia Albornoz, Brian Cha and Brandon Carrero  
Alternate Member Bryan Fayer

**ALSO PRESENT:** Nalini Sohit-Vazquez, Controller, Principals Castellano, and Augustin, Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

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**THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY ONLY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE JUNE 2, 2026 MEETING. DETAILED MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON APPROVAL BY THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING**

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#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Nalini Sohit-Vazquez presented the 2026-2027 budget for the Charter Elementary Middle Schools and answered questions from the board members. The members discussed and approved the budget as presented. Questions pertained to changes in staff placement due to budget classifications, mental health counselors and professionals funding and how staff is funded over multiple campus' budgets and serve the entire charter system.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Mr. Castellano thanked the board members for their service to the schools this past year. He and Principal Augustin passed out certificates of appreciation to all the board members present. He gave a brief update on the final days of school and wished all a good, restful summer.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Board members thanked the principals and staff for their support and their striving to continue to give all students the very best education experience that can be provided.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

**ACTIONS TAKEN:**

- Motion passed to approve the May 5, 2026 meeting minutes as received
- Motion passed to excuse member Cha and Carrero
- Motion passed to approve the 2026-2027 Charter Elementary Middle School Budget as presented

**PLEASE NOTE: The next Regular Meeting of the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board is scheduled to be on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at the East Campus Cafeteria, 10800 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Pines, Florida.**