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**CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE  
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

**PEMBROKE PINES, FL**

November 4, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Chair Siddiqui, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:03 P.M. at the East Elementary Middle School Campus Cafeteria, 10800 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Pines, Florida. All stood for the pledge.

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

**PRESENT:** Chair Imran Siddiqui, Vice Chair Donald Nicolas, Members Cecilia Alborno, Kavita Amar, Bonnie Ng, Nida Govaria Alternate Member Diana Lee Baptiste

**ABSENT:** Members Mark Phillips, Brandon Carrero, Karla McLaren, Brian Cha, Alternate Member Bryan Fayer and Theodore Daniel

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant City Manager, Nalini Sohit-Vazquez, Controller, Principals Chance, Castello, Augustin and Maraj, Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

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## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Jonathan Bonilla introduced Rich Pessaro, from Transportation Authority, who spoke concerning the transportation system and took questions from board and parents. Mr. Bonilla spoke about the transportation page on the school website and encouraged parents to use that portal to ask any questions from transportation or to enroll their students to ride the system.

Mr. Bonilla reported that the School Lottery for 2026-2027 will open on January 2 and run through February 10. All returning students will need to re-enroll using the lottery portal.

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 T-shirts sales. Ms. Sohit-Vazquez also spoke of the Giving Tuesday on

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December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a nationwide event where participants can donate to a charity of their choosing, including the Charter School Foundation. There is information on the website and flyer.

## **MINUTES:**

A motion by Member Govaria, seconded by Vice Chair Nicolas to approve the October 2, 2025 meeting minutes as received passed unanimously.

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

A motion by Member Govaria, seconded by Member Amar to excuse Members Mark Phillips, Brandon Carrero, Karla McLaren, Brian Cha, Alternate Member Bryan Fayer and Theodore Daniel from the November 4, 2025 meeting passed unanimously.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Principal Chance introduced Cynthia Adorno, Dina Logan, Karen Surowitz and Kim Farenalla. They presented the Elementary and Middle School Improvement Plans and took questions from board and parents concerning the presentation.

A motion by Member Alborno, seconded by Vice Chair Nicholas, to approve the Charter Elementary School Improvement Plan for 2025-2026 as presented and to send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

A motion by Member Govaria, seconded by Member Ng, to approve the Charter Middle School Improvement Plan for 2025-2026 as presented and to send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

Mr. Chance introduced Dr. Maraj, who presented the 2025-2026 Charter System Wellness Policy.

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A motion by Member Amar, seconded by Member Ng, to approve the 2025-2026 Charter System Wellness Policy as presented and to send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

Mr. Chance spoke about the traffic questions for Central Campus and reported that a police officer is now at the intersection daily to help with traffic flow. He also reported on the great success of the middle school sports teams.

## **OPEN FORUM:**

A parent asked if the Cona ice truck (for rewards) met the nutrition guidelines and Dr. Maraj stated they do stay within the guidelines.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion by Member Baptiste, seconded by Member Govaria, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M. passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom  
Board Secretary

**ADJOURNED:** 7:18 P.M.  
**APPROVED:**