

**CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

PEMBROKE PINES, FL

October 7, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Vice Chair Nicolas, on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6:00 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: Vice Chair Donald Nicolas, Members Cecilia Albornoz, Kavita Amar, Brandon Carrero, Brian Cha, Bonnie Ng, and Karla McLaren, Alternate Member Diana Lee Baptiste

ABSENT: Chair Imran Siddiqui, Members Nida Govaria, Mark Phillips, 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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jonathan Bonilla spoke about enrollment count week this week and it was important for all students to be in class. The update requested from Transportation Authority will take place at the November meeting. Any concerns or questions about transportation can be addressed to Transportation Authority through the link on the school website.

Nalini Sohit-Vazquez spoke about the fundraising efforts for the charter schools by listing the various areas of participation, which include the parent donation (\$6,700.00), corporate banners (\$61,000.00) and sponsorships, parent banners, email blasts from partnerships (\$7,500.00), restaurant events (\$1,524.00), and T-shirts sold at Open House (\$966.00). Parents were encouraged to take flyers for more information on fundraising activities.

MINUTES:

A motion by Member Amar, seconded by Member Cha to approve the September 2, 2025 meeting minutes as received passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

A motion by Member Cha, seconded by Member McLaren to excuse Chair Imran Siddiqui, Members Nida Govaria, Mark Phillips, Alternate Member Bryan Fayer and Theodore Daniel from the October 7, 2025 meeting passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Augustin introduced Ms. Delgado and Ms. Fernandez, who presented the Charter Elementary School Parent Handbook and Charter Middle School Parent Handbook to the board for approval. The Pro-Active Guides to Discipline for both Elementary and Middle Schools were also presented for board approval. After discussion the board members approved all four presentations.

A motion by Member Albornoz, seconded by Member McLaren, to approve the changes to the 2025-2026 Charter Elementary School Parent Handbook as provided and to send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

A motion by Member Amar, seconded by Member Cha, to approve the changes to the 2025-2026 Charter Elementary School Pro-Active Guide to Discipline as provided and to send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

A motion by Member McLaren, seconded by Member Ng, to approve the changes to the 2025-2026 Charter Middle School Parent Handbook as provided and to send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

A motion by Member Amar, seconded by Member Cha, to approve the changes to the 2025-2026 Charter Middle School Pro-Active Guide to Discipline as provided and to send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

Giselle Rodriguez made a presentation of the current status of AI in the charter school classrooms. She stated the process is still under a committee review who will help develop process for implementation in the classrooms. Safeguards and student experience with the programs were discussed. There is no current timetable for the start of using in the classrooms, as the teachers need to have some experience with the programing in order to better be available to assist students. She answered many questions from the board members and parents.

OPEN FORUM:

No one spoke during the Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT OF PARENTS:

The parents were adjourned at 7:04 PM. It was also expressed to parents that they could remain to hear the Sunshine Law presentation

SUNSHINE AND RECORD RETENTION LAW PRESENTATION:

Deputy City Attorney Julie Klahr presented the Sunshine and Record Retention Law information to the board members and answered questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chair Nicolas adjourned the meeting at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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ADJOURNED: 8:08 P.M.

APPROVED: 11/4/2025