



South Florida Autism Charter Schools, Inc.

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Governing Board Meeting
Friday, August 27, 2021
5:00 p.m.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88277595225?pwd=OHdZVHpkYTZreXlrSHhudk9SdFFYUT09> Meeting ID:
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Present:

Board members: Glenn Pierce; Dr. Yadira Martinez, Dr. Cicily Payne-Nestor, Michael Marsh, and Max Wyler.

Staff: Dr. Moodie, Susan Leon

Mr. Pierce called the meeting to order. The minutes from the August 5, 2021 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

Financial Report:

Mr. Pierce stated that the appointed committee has completed Dr. Moodie's contract. He made a motion to appoint Michael Marsh to finalize the contract and correspondence between the Board and the H.R. Office. Dr. Nestor seconded the motion, and all approved.

School Report:

Out of Field Waivers: Dr. Moodie advised the board that several Teacher Assistants passed the required certification exams and have been promoted to ESE Teacher positions. They will need Out of Field Waivers for certain subjects and/or endorsements. Dr. Moodie then read to the board the list of teachers for whom waivers are currently on file, as well as the new Teachers for whom waivers are being requested:

Principal / Executive Director
Tamara Moodie, Ph.D.

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
ABA Programming

TEACHERS FOR WHOM WAIVERS ARE ON FILE:

Teacher Name	ASD	ELEM K-6	ESE K12	ESOL	READ	MUSIC	SPANISH
Ammon, Amanda	X						
Benenson, Maritza	X				X		
Carrion, Rose	X			X	X		
Falepaina, Kristen					X		
Ghitis, Stephanie					X		
Lerner, Jennifer					X		
Molero, Maria	X				X	X	
Moodie, Dr. Tamara		X		X	X		X
Rojas, Ariadna	X			X			
Soldevila, Silvia				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	SPANISH
Ayala, Martha	X	X		X	X		
Diaz, Denise	X			X	X		
Fayyad, Safa		X		X	X		
Folgueras, Jessica	X						
Hernandez, Francis	X	X		X	X		
Nauth, Taina	X	X		X	X		
Suarez, Jasmine	X	X					

Mask Mandate:

Dr. Moodie advised of the mask mandate implemented by the School Board of Miami-Dade Conty, which SFACS will be following. She asked for the board’s support. Mr. Pierce asked for a motion for SFACS to follow the mask mandate and gu8delines as set forth by the School Board of Miami-Dade County; Mr. Marsh made the motion, Dr. Nestor seconded, and all approved.

Staff Update:

Dr. Moodie advised the board that the school has been experiencing difficulty hiring Teacher Assistants and Paraprofessional Aides. Given this fact, she recommended to the board that the school maintain current enrollment of 267 students. There is a long waitlist, but at this time the school does not have the manpower to continue enrolling. The board then discussed several strategies to assist with recruiting staff. Dr. Moodie stated she has sufficient Classroom Teachers, but is looking to hire additional support staff, and also that this problem is not singular to SFACS, but rather, all schools are having the same issue.

Fundraising Update:

SFACS Walk: Dr. Moodie advised the board that the Friends of South Florida Autism met recently and the suggestion was made that moving forward, the SFACS Walk should be hosted by the Friends of South Florida Autism. The SFACS board agreed.

Gala: Dr. Moodie reported that Gala preparations are going well with several new committee members on board.

Car Wash: The Center's Car Wash was canceled due to Covid concerns, but will be rescheduled for a later date.

Misc.:

Dr. Moodie reported that State Representative Tom Fabricio recently visited, as well as a representative from the office of Mayor Daniella Levine-Cava. Both visits went well, and she hopes to receive support from both offices in the future.

The SFACS Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for September 17th, and Dr. Moodie went over the details with the board.

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