

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of
Alpha Charter of Excellence

1223 SW 4 Street Miami, Florida 33135
February 20, 2025

Minutes

I. Call To Order and Roll Call – The meeting called to order at

Present Board Members: Lisa Capote, Rodney Desrameaux,, and JC Fernandez

Absent: Dr. Judith Stein,

Other Present:

Ms. Isabel Navas, ACE Principal and Ms. Maria Hernandez (Conflict Resolution Contact)

Meeting ID: 985 6028 6532 Passcode: ace

II. Public Comment (limited to agenda items only)*

III. Approval of Agenda

Lisa Capote motioned to approve the agenda as presented, second by JC Fernandez, unanimously voted. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

JC Fernandez motioned to approve the November 7, 2024 board minutes as presented. The motion was second by Lisa Capote, unanimously approved. Motion carried.

V. Budget: 2025-2026 Budget

The proposed 2025-2026 budget has been completed for the review and approval of the board. The enrollment is set for 280 students. Currently, ACE has 260 students. The school will be marketing to promote kindergarten enrollment. Therefore, the school will be planning on having three Kindergarten Classes vs only two to meet enrollment. The rent for the building is set to be the same as SY: 24-25. The principal had a meeting with the landlord yesterday and she is working towards finding ways to save money in the budget.

Also, the salaries for the teachers were raised at 1% and 3% for the admin and other positions. Remembering teachers will also receive Referendum funds to raise their salary for this school year. The revenues are based on the FEFP calculation 2024-2025. The new calculations will be provided later in the year and the budget will be updated accordingly.

Title I has also been added since the school finally got awarded this year's funding. The expenditures have been calculated close to what the school spent this school year. The overall budget is positive \$495.00. Grants have been completed and reimbursed to this school year.

Action: Lisa Capote motioned to table the approval of the budget for the next scheduled meeting, second by JC Fernandez, unanimously voted.

Title I Budget has been completed for the review and approval of the board. The school was eligible for \$89,661.00 in Title I funds for the SY: 2024-2025, due to an increase of school's student enrollment as per FDOE final survey 2 of Oct. 2024, received in February 2025. The school will use the Title I Budget for Gifted S. Studies, Reading Coach, CIS, Stipend for Teacher Teaching in a Title I School (\$1,000.00) per teacher, Iready / IXL Software, counseling and Science Supplement (STEAM / Coding).

Note: Title I Budget 2023-2024 was \$150, 707.00; therefore, the school is receiving \$61,046 less this year than last year.

Lisa Capote inquired about the budget discrepancy between this school year and the next. Isabel Navas explained that the difference is due to the absence of grant supplements.

Lisa Capote motioned to approve the 2024-2025 Title I Budget and it was second by JC Fernandez, unanimously approved. Motion carried.

VI. Old Business:

Mid-Year SIP Reflection: Ms. Navas reviewed the mid-year SIP Plan reflection with the board members. Ms. Navas explained to the board the SIP reflection is completed online and the MDCPS will review and approve.

Ms. Navas also provided the board with the school data from FAST PM1 and PM2. Finally, Ms. Navas also reviewed the I Ready Data from PM1 and PM2. A copy of the SIP reflection is attached to the minutes.

The board was very impressed with the MYA Science data results. Lisa Capote mentioned the students are truly making adequate progress in Reading, Math and Science.

The FTE count for February 2025 was 258. The board asked if it was lower than October 2024 count. Principal Navas stated yes due to students leaving to their native country. Parents are leaving to their native country once their visa has expired due to deportation laws.

VII. New Business:

School Guidance and Police ICE:

JC Fernandez recommended that Isabel Navas be the central administrator to serve as primary contact for immigration enforcement visits.

JC Fernandez motioned to approve, second by Lisa Capote, unanimously, voted.

This point of contact will consult with our Attorney (J. Wood) if ICE, FBI or any other local officer comes to the school requesting any information.

Furthermore, as with any law enforcement officer (i.e., ICE, FBI, local officers), if a law enforcement officer is present at the school for any reason, respectfully verify agent credentials and authority. If agents request student or educational records, respectfully require valid legal documentation authorizing access. Immediately contact your designated administrator, if applicable,

and legal counsel. Lisa Capote added if J. Wood is not available to contact her so she can have her husband verify credentials as well.

FLDOE Safety Visit and follow up was completed this school year. Ms. Navas provided the findings of the first visit. A compliance action plan was submitted to the district. The FLDOE also completed a follow up visit for safety and stated all pending compliance actions were evident.

JC Fernandez motioned to approve the MDCPS Calendar 2025-2026 second by Lisa Capote, unanimously voted.

VIII. Extended Public Comment (non-agenda items only)

IX. Comments from the Board (non-agenda items only)*

X. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting on May 22, 2025 (Cancelled). The board meeting was postponed to May 29th, 2025

XI. Adjournment: The board members adjourned at

**Individuals wishing to address the board of directors under Public Comments are requested to sign-up with the recording secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individuals are limited to three minutes for their comments. *The board will not respond to extended public comments during the meeting but will follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.*

The undersigned hereby certifies that Lisa Capote is a Director and/or Officer of Alpha Charter of Excellence, 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 & the individual charter schools sponsored by the said corporation. The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on February 20, 2025 minutes were approved/adopted. Alpha Charter of Excellence, Inc. A Florida not-for-profit corporation

By: X  Lisa Capote, Board President