

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

1223 SW 4 Street Miami, Florida 33135
February 5th, 2026

Minutes

I. Call To Order and Roll Call – The meeting called to order at 2:01pm.

Present Board Members: Lisa Capote, Rodney Desrameaux, Dr. Judith Stein and JC Fernandez.
No Board Member Absent

Other Present:

Ms. Isabel Navas, ACE Principal and Ms. Marisela Velez (Conflict Resolution Contact)

Meeting ID: 985 6028 6532 Passcode: ace

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

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Approval of Minutes:

JC Fernandez motioned to approve November 6, 2025, board minutes as presented. The motion was second by Lisa Capote, unanimously approved. Motion carried.

V. Budget

- 2026 – 2027 Budget

Lisa Capote would like an updated budget once the FTE funding allocations are approved by our governor. The budget is set for 255 students. Currently, the school has 247 enrolled at the charter school. This budget includes the vacancy of four-floor classroom space. The space is equal to approximately 2500 sq footage. The letter to vacate the space beginning July 1, 2026, has been sent to the owners. The principal is waiting for an answer.

In addition, counselor Ms. Pat Garvin will be retiring this school year, and the school will only maintain a Mental Health Therapist, Ms. Shamim Rashid to assist with counseling.

Lisa Capote motioned to approve the proposed 2026-2027 budget as presented, second by JC Fernandez, unanimously voted. Motion carried.

Enrollment Update for 2026-2027: We have 10 new students registered for kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Our Kindergarten orientation with parents is scheduled for April 30th after school. The school is excited to present to the parents and provide a tour of the school.

VI. Old Business:

- Mid-Year SIP Reflection was reviewed and discussed with the board. The school has updated intervention groups based on the FAST PM2 data. Early Bird Tutoring for Math

has also been added before school begins. Finally, Science Intervention twice a week with fifth grade students has also been implemented. Data chats have been completed with all teachers. Administration and teachers gathered to review classroom data and update the intervention groups.

- School Data FAST PM 2 / I-Ready PM2: FAST PM2 data and IReady PM2 were reviewed by the board. Ms. Lisa Capote mentioned that I-Ready PM2 has reduced the number of students in red and congratulated the teachers as well as the administration of the school. Ms. Navas explained that the I-Ready Results came in a bit better than last year. JC Fernandez mentioned he is happy with the students' progress.
- ACE Lease ends in June 2027 (need amendment). The board has asked Principal Navas to reach out to the owners for the amendment for another five years.
- Lisa Capote motioned to renew the charter contract expiring June 30th, 2027. The charter renewal will be for five more years. The motion was second by JC Fernandez, unanimously voted. Motion carried.
- Ms. Navas spoke to Richard Moreno (Building Hope) concerning partnering with Academica for future building space. He will arrange a meeting with Julio Robaina. JC Fernandez stated he would like to participate in the meeting. Ms. Navas will advise when the meeting has been scheduled.
- Governing Board Training (2026) Update:
Ms. Velez will send through email the necessary information to update your governance training.

VII. New Business Updates:

- MDCPS Calendar SY: 2026 – 2027
- Teachers' first day back will be August 6, 2026, and Assistant Director on August 3, 2026. The first day of school for students will be on August 13th, 2026.

JC Fernandez motioned to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented, second by Dr. Judith Stein, unanimously voted. Motion carried.

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


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

X. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting on June 4, 2026

XI. Adjournment: The board members adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

**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 **June 4, 2026** minutes were approved/adopted. Alpha Charter of Excellence, Inc. A Florida not-for-profit corporation

By:  Lisa Capote, Board President