

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Of  
Alpha Charter of Excellence  
1223 SW 4 Street Miami, Florida 33135  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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**Minutes**

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**I. Call To Order and Roll Call** – The meeting called to order at 2:03pm

Present Board Members: Lisa Capote, Dr. Judith Stein, Rodney Desrameaux 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**

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 August 7, 2025 board minutes as presented. The motion was second by Rodney Desrameaux, unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**V. Budget**

- Updated 2025-2026 budget was presented to the board. The FTE Enrollment was at 246. The budget was reviewed and discussed by the board.
- Audit 2025: King and Walker provided the complete audit report to the board and Ms. Isabel Navas. The financial highlights are as follows:
  1. For the fiscal year June 2025, the school's expenses exceeded revenues as shown on the statement of activities by \$213, 911.
  2. As shown on the statement of net position, the school reported a total net position balance of \$80,198.
  3. The financial analysis of the school's fund reported a combined fund balance of \$41,383.

**VI. Old Business:**

- Governing Board Training (2026) Update:  
Starting in March 2026, Ms. Lisa Capote must complete the Governance Training and subsequently the other board members after June 2026.

- Lease Expires June 2027

Ms. Navas mentioned to the board that enrollment has declined at the school due to immigration and high rentals in the area. MDCPS also reported that over 13,000 less students enrolled in school this year versus last school year. Therefore, Ms. Navas recommends contact the landlord of the building to reduce the space it currently occupies. The fourth floor has been identified as an area the school can vacate.

In addition, the board recommended asking Building Hope in ways we can work together to reduce rent space or work with other management agencies (EMOs) to assist with building space.

Lisa Capote motioned to approve conversations with the landlord and working with other EMOs / Building Hope to find building space second by JC Fernandez, unanimously voted.

- MDCPS Grant Applied for SY: 25-26
  1. Music Grant- This grant will assist us in paying our music teacher's salary. Students in grades K-5 will have music classes during this school year.
  2. Title III (Tutoring). This grant will support our after-school tutoring for ELL students. The tutoring will take place twice a week (Tuesdays / Thursdays) from 3-4 p.m.

#### **VII. New Business:**

- Iready AP1 was reviewed and discussed with the board.
- Cognia Renewal: The school has already started the Cognia Accreditation process. The school will be completing the entire accreditation before June 2027.
- Charter Renewal: Our charter school renewal process will also begin next school year. The contract expires in June 2027. The board is very excited about renewing the charter contract for the next five years.
- NSLP Lunch Account (Bank of America) was created by our Board President. This was recommended by the NSLP.
- Miami Dade Favorites (ACE): The school was recognized as one of Miami Dade Favorites. In December 2025, the Miami Dade Favorite magazine will be announcing the winners of all recognized businesses in the area. The board congratulated the school and the ACE staff for their support and accomplishments.

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

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

Dr. Judith Stein also mentioned she will contact the Alliance for additional recommendations on building space and assist with our enrollment.

#### **X. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting on February 5, 2026**

#### **XI. Adjournment: The board members adjourned at 2:48 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 February 5, 2026, minutes were approved/adopted. Alpha Charter of Excellence, Inc. A Florida not-for-profit corporation

By: X  Lisa Capote, Board President