

Board of Directors Minutes
Everglades Preparatory Academy
Date: May 8, 2025

Meeting Location: Everglades Preparatory Academy (Zoom Meeting)
360 East Main Street Pahokee, Florida 33476

Members in attendance were:

Board Members

X Emilia Fanjul
X Joseph Galardi - Absent
X Angela Pope- Absent
X Maureen Johnston- Absent
X Christopher McDermott (Via Phone)
X Charles Shaw
X Vivian White

Staff

X Linda Johnson Earsley
X Sheila Bynes
X Julie Stevenson
X Jeffrey Colavecchio

Also, in attendance

X Tony Arza, Arza Consultant (Via Phone)
X Lesa Hamilton (Via Phone)
Senior Financial Analyst Eduserve Solutions
X Maria Alba Quesada, Strategic Consulting
X Daniel Rishavy, Link-Up

The Board Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Emilia Fanjul, Board Chair, at 2:05p.m.

Agenda:

1. The agenda was presented and reviewed by the Board.
2. Public Comment- There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for April 16, 2025:

Charles Shaw made the motion. Vivian White seconded the motion to approve April 16, 2025, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approved
 Minutes Not Approved
 Corrections/Changes: None

Reports:

A. Chairperson – Emilia Fanjul

1. SY 2024-2025 Board Meeting Update
2. Quality Charter School Solutions Service

B. Consent Agenda

1. 1. Link Up Executed Agreement Financial Services
2. Graduation- May 21, 2025 @ 5pm. Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 SW

College Dr, Belle Glade, FL 33430

3. Teacher Contracts/Agreements FY25-26

4. EPA Summer Enrichment Camp: June 2, 2025 – Thursday, June 26, 2025 (4-weeks)

a. Monday-Thursday Time: 8:30am-1:00pm (35 students) 8th -11th grade

5. Summer 12-month Employee Schedule

6. Maintenance Schedule

7. The SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN Everglades Preparatory Academy and THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, were approved by the district legal team.

C. Financial Report- EduServe

1. Monthly Financial- EduServe presented to the Board a PowerPoint for April 2025 financials.

2. 990 Form – the 990 was approved at the 11/14/2025 Board meeting. Also, the approval was noted in the minutes which was approved on 1/23/25.

3. Budget amendment update- deferred until June meeting.

D. EPA Academic Consultant

1. Academic

a. CTE

Mrs. Alba and Mr. Arza proposed bringing in Mr. Doug Wagner, a leading CTE expert from Manatee County, to visit the school for at least two days. Mr. Wagner would meet with the Florida Crystals team and provide recommendations on how to effectively develop and expand the CTE program. The estimated cost for Mr. Wagner's visit is \$2,500.

b. Doug Wagner Resume and Bio

2. Operational

a. Financial Accounting Transition

b. Non-Profit Board Policy

E. Principal's Report

1. Enrollment SY24-25: 122

2. Attendance SY24-25: 68%

3. Charter School Annual Review Results SY24-25

The review findings are categorized as follows:

M: Meets the Standards

P: Partially Meets the Standards

D: Does Not Meet the Standard

N/A: Not applicable

- SECONDARY INTENSIVE READING- *Karol Robertson is not Reading Endorsed.* - P: Partially Meets the Standards

- Transportation- Bus Driver DOT exam was updated: P: Partially Meets the Standards

-Problem Solving/School Based Team- D: Does Not Meet the Standard

- Career Day update Day- April 30, 2025, from 9am-2pm (17) Vendors
- **Single Audit** -A Single Audit is a comprehensive examination of an organization's financial statements and compliance with federal award requirements. It ensures that the schools receiving federal funds are managing and using those funds responsibly and in accordance with regulations. Because we did not spend more than \$750,000 in Federal funding in Fiscal Year 2024, I uploaded/provided a detail of expenditures for all federal funds based on CFDA number (i.e., CSP grants, Title I, IDEA, etc.). Include NSLP (National School Lunch Program) expenditures.

F. Assistant Principal – Julie Stewart

- **Testing Updates**
 - Testing for PM3 was completed on May 29, 2025
 - Over 90% of students were tested, which meets the requirement for the School Improvement Rating
- **Summer School- June 2, 2025- June 26, 2025**
 - Per Principal Earsley, the current count for Summer School is 30 students.
 - University Instructors tutors (1 possibly 2 will support the program)
 - Mr. Ramos will focus on vocabulary activities to improve context clue skills, word recognition, and comprehension skills.
 - Two EPA instructors (Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Colavecchio) are providing instruction. Mrs. Robertson's focus will be grammar, writing and comprehension skills. Mr. Colavecchio will facilitate the elective courses Personal Fitness and HOPE on Edmentum with supplemental materials to earn course credit.
- **Senior Graduation Status Class of 2025**
 - 97% Graduation Rate- 34/35 seniors received a standard diploma, 1/35 seniors were retained (see attached).

G. New Business

1. NONE

H. Old Business

1. NONE

I. Government Relations – Arza Consultant

1. Tony Arza gave Government Relations updates.

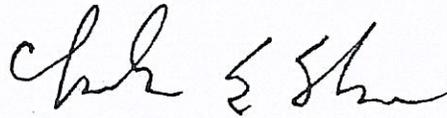
J. Action Item

1. Amended Budget- deferred until June Board meeting.
2. Quality Charter School Solutions Service Agreement- Charles Shaw made the motion to accept Mrs. Fanjul recommendation for approval of the agreement with Quality Charter School Solutions Service. Vivian White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Link Up Executed Agreement Financial Services- Charles Shaw made the motion to accept Mrs. Fanjul recommendation for approval of the agreement with Link Up Financial Services. Vivian White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Non-Profit Board Policy- Charles Shaw made the motion to organize a team to modify and approve the existing school Non-Profit Board Policy. Vivian White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Chair Designee- Charles Shaw made the motion to authorize the Board chair to nominate a designee in her absence. Vivian White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

◆ Unanimously approved

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

◆ Approved by _____



Charles "Chuck" Shaw, As Secretary

Date _____

5/08/25