

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2026
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Franklin Academy Palm Beach Gardens
5651 Hood Road
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order: Dr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.
- II. Roll Call

Dr. David Thomas (Board Chair)	Ms. Debbie Orshefsky (Board Member)	Dr. Jacqueline Greenberg (Board Member)
Dr. Michael Watts	Dr. Daniel Sandberg	Ms. Alexandra Lonsdale (Board Member)
Ms. Deborah Torres	Ms. Alexandra Fox	Ms. Alison L'Etoile
Ms. Elena Diaz	Mr. Sergio Delgado	Ms. Shaina Dillman
Mr. Richard Moreno	Mr. Philip Hall	Ms. Danielle Ockman
Ms. Aleesa Jabar	Ms. Brittany Taylor	Ms. Leah Hanza
Ms. Gianelle Amoedo	Ms. Josephine Ridge (Parent/Teacher)	Ms. Chantel Rubio

- III. Public Speakers: None
- IV. Approval and Ratification of Minutes of March 4th, 2026, Board Meeting
(Motion moved by Thomas, 2nd by Greenburg, and approved)
- V. Consent Agenda – Resolution
(Motion to approve moved by Orshefsky, 2nd by Greenberg, and approved)
 - a. **RESOLVED**, that the five (5) Premium Service Agreements with the School Board of Broward County, Florida, for additional services in Broward County, Florida, for the 2026-2027 school year are hereby approved and ratified;

- b. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all financial budgets for the 2026-27 academic year are hereby ratified and approved for all Franklin Academy charters, including:
 - Franklin Academy - Pembroke Pines (Broward) (5012)
 - Franklin Academy - Cooper City (Broward) (5037)
 - Franklin Academy - Sunrise (Broward) (5010)
 - Franklin Academy - Pembroke Pines K-12 (Broward) (5046)
 - Franklin Academy - Pembroke Pines K-12 (Broward) (5142)
 - Franklin Academy - Boynton Beach (Palm Beach) (4020)
 - Franklin Academy - Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach) (4061);
- c. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Franklin Academy Title IX policy is hereby adopted, approved, and ratified as written;
- d. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the updated Employee Handbook for 2026-2027 is hereby approved and ratified as written;
- e. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, the FY 2025-2026 Palm Beach County Sales Tax & Revenue Expenditure Plan is approved and ratified as written;
- f. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the tentative 2026-2027 Governing Board of Directors' meeting dates are hereby approved and ratified;

VI. Presentations

- a. **Dr. Daniel Sandberg, Superintendent of Schools**
 - i. Academic/Curriculum Overview
 - 1. School grades were reviewed and mirrored the previous year. The rigor of education has supported the school grades to meet the needs of the unique populations and teacher retention. Final school grades will be released approximately on July 3rd.
 - a. BB K-8 Campus: 24-25 School Grade: B/25-26
Projected School Grade: B
 - b. CC K-8 Campus: 24-25 School Grade: A/25-26
Projected School Grade: A
 - c. PBG K-8 Capus: 24-25 School Grade: A/25-26
Projected School Grade: A

- d. PP K-8 Campus: 24-25 School Grade: A/25-26
Projected School Grade: A
 - e. PP K-12 Campus: 24-25 School Grades: K-8: A & 9-12:
B/25-26 Projected School Grades: K-8: A & 9-12: B
 - f. SUN K-8: 24-25 School Grade: A/25-26 Projected
School Grade: A
2. Lift Cohort - 2nd: Continues to show success with the 2nd cohort over the course of the year. About 40 staff members have been through the program. A break will be taken for the FY27 school year to grow official leaders.
3. IB Programs, headed by Ms. Leah Hanza, head of IB programs
- a. Initiatives as an organization span throughout the high level and per campus.
 - b. Toddle is used on each campus, and the IB coaches and coordinators collaborated with teachers. Toddle continues to be customizable for our campus.
 - c. IT has been involved in creating a smooth transition for our campus
 - d. Quarter IB deployment: Partnered with school leadership teams each quarter, per campus.
 - e. Specific items were reviewed and evaluated with the teachers by having the coordinators have a direct line to support the teacher and including the school administration in the process.
 - f. Ms. Hanza supported campuses on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to provide direct support to the coaches and teachers. Based on the end-of-year survey results, this created a positive outlook on implementing the program.
 - g. CC K-8 campus was reauthorized for the 2nd time.
 - h. Increased visibility in the IB practices and implementation across campuses in both counties. This will continue to be expanded for the FY27 school year.
 - i. Teacher retention, continued growth, and sustainability have been contributing factors to this success.
 - j. Implementing structures during the Instructional Summit, focusing on strategic planning for the IB

programs to strengthen the consistency of support and understanding of the IB framework.

- k. First Charter School in the US to become authorized in the IB program

4. World Language adoption initiative:

- a. Adopting Eddy Newman USA, which has a K-5 program focusing on building a love of language acquisition
- b. In the middle and high school levels, native and non-native classes will also be developed
- c. Placement tests will be used to determine these courses, regardless of whether the language is spoken at home.
- d. PD will be implemented for all teachers and will be a part of the Summit in July for 3 days to support the implementation of the units (physical and online programs).
- e. Pablo Martinez will support in creating a customized scope and sequences to cater to our campuses and Franklin populations. This will be a 5-year adoption.

b. **Ms. Deborah Torres, Principal/Team (PBG K-8)**

- i. Staffing/School Update: 92% returning, 6 new staff members, 3 vacancies
- ii. Enrollment Update: 730 returning, about 132 accepted, 56 withdrawals (24 withdrew for choice programs or controlled open enrollment for district schools, and about 20 moved out of state/district). Enrollment is still open.
- iii. School Highlights: Maintaining an A status. Last year, the proficiency was at 69 points; this year, the proficiency is at 74.9 points.
- iv. School Events: Upcoming Events: KG round up, Art Show, Drama Production, Graduations.
- v. Upcoming Events: KG screening and readiness.

c. **Ms. Alexandra Fox, Principal/Team (CC K-8)**

- i. Staffing/School Update: 3 vacancies
- ii. Enrollment Update: 1343 enrollment, 67 withdrawals, 217 new registrations for KG, 31 accepted seats actively working on registration. Enrollment is still open.

- iii. School Highlights: The basketball court was approved, Charter Champions, End of year staff awards, participated in Progress Learning New Alien Competitions, new KG walked the halls with 60-70 seniors also present, increased in science scores and L&L scores, Chess tournaments are continuing, and the Chess Teacher accepted a position as Tournament Director and is encouraging participation with all Franklin campuses.
- iv. Upcoming Events: KG Screening, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

d. **Ms. Alison L'Etoile, Principal/Team (BB K-8)**

- i. Staffing/School Update: June 8th, the campus lost Ms. Havlickova, the EOSL Coordinator, due to cancer. She was compassionate and highly dedicated to her job. Currently has 6 staff vacancies.
- ii. Enrollment Update: 1151 students, 10 open seats, 255 seats have been accepted, 67 withdrawals (due to choice programs or moving out of district). Enrollment is still open.
- iii. School Highlights: PTO hosted a McTeacher night, Cultural Fair, the 5th grade IB Expo was a highlight with many supporting families, KG round-up had an increase of 66 new families, Graduations were a success, Tutoring Program was a high success with the highest participation as of yet, Spring concerts highlighted the music programs (in elementary and middle school), and the Culture Fair was a great success

e. **Ms. Elena Diaz, Principal/Team (PP K-8)**

- i. Staffing/School Update: 2 vacancies
- ii. Enrollment Update: 1339 enrollment, 861 applications, 236 accepted, 50-60 open offers, and a waitlist of about 200 students. Enrollment is still open.
- iii. School Highlights: Student recognitions (an 8th grader placed 2nd at the Science and Engineering Fair, Concert Choir performed at Carnegie Hall for the 2nd time), NJHS induction ceremony, Annual festival of the arts displayed downtown, School-Wide Career day that has great participation with families and the community, Parent Academy for incoming Year 1 Middle School scholars, Family Night with the Miami Marlins, Spring musical Peter Pan Jr., Athletes competed with staff and played sports together, Concert Choir performed at the Memorial Day parade and have been invited to the Veterans day parade, Annual senior walk and about 60 scholars

came with their college attire, Athletic Award Ceremony, hosted end of year ceremonies for all grade levels, IB projects to connected with the community were recognized (Food for Hope, Safe the Ocean, Bundles of Hope), end of year staff awards and lunch-in.

- iv. Upcoming Events: Developing a school theme for FY27, 3 staff members are attending a conference in Colorado for Science in the Rockies (hands-on STEM PD) to learn to implement those experiences in the science program.

f. **Mr. Sergio Delgado, Principal/Team (PP K-12)**

- i. Staffing/School Update: 7 open positions
- ii. Enrollment Update: 2180 enrollment (Goal: 2042), 325 new offers. Enrollment is still open.
- iii. School Highlights: Maintained an A rating for K-8, Maintained a B in 9-12 and working for an A for this upcoming year, Offering 3 new CTE programs (Health Care, STEM Academy, Marketing), During a pilot 35/35 passed the marketing test, 97% scholars graduated in HS which is the highest at this time, MTSS was focused in the k-8 portion including Math and Read 180 programs in Middle School, 6-12 participated in the literacy fair and received 4 awards, hosted the FAST Test and those who demonstrated growth were able to participate in the contest, the IB expo for Year 3 and Year 5 projects, the DP also participated in an expo, Senior graduation celebrated in a Center for the scholars to allow more attendance for families, a HS Spring Show was completed through a collaboration by the music, choir, band, orchestra, dance, theater, and arts teachers (Lion King), NHS is increasing.

g. **Ms. Shaina Dillman, Principal/Team (SUN K-8)**

- i. Staffing/School Update: 3 vacancies
- ii. Enrollment Update: 185 newly accepted, 3 open offers, totaling 1389 enrollment, 41 withdrawals (home, private, out of state). Enrollment is still open.
- iii. School Highlights: Maintaining an A rating for school grade, spoke to the scholars at the end of the school year to provide shout-outs to scholars and staff, Algebra had 100% proficiency, 98% proficiency in Biology, Year 3 had 77% proficiency in Reading and exceeded last year's number, Year 3 increased to 75 % proficiency in Math from 18% at the start of the school year,

- iv. School Events: Field trips, book fairs, ceremonies, MS transition for incoming Year 6 scholars, parade for KG graduates paired with 8 graders for the end-of-year campus walk.

h. **Mr. Richard Moreno, Financial Consultant**

i. Financial Review:

- 1. School budget - enrollment determines the budget and adjustments are being made still, it has been noted there is a decline in student enrollment. This will be better determined in Nov-Dec.
- 2. Empowerment federal vendor (about \$1700) - students can be helped with tutoring and other services Parents can make donation to authorized agencies, and the best providers will be determined. Step-Up can be used as a tax credit to be used for various needs that schools need. A plan is actively in progress.

i. **Philip Hall, Deputy Director, Franklin Foundation**

i. Organizational Overview/Update:

- 1. Marketing enrollment
- 2. Connecting with families in the community, especially with the closing of schools in Broward County.
- 3. Parent survey satisfaction surveys (90% would recommend Franklins). Need to be sure to connect with the families who have been FA supports
- 4. School Hours: High school and middle school start times will remain the same. Exemptions from the state were approved.

ii. Vendor Relationships:

- 1. Buses: E2E will be provider services for the PP K-12 and will be part of CC K-8 abd PP K-8
- 2. Maranata will be renewed for 3 years for PBG K-8, BB K-8, SUN K-8
- 3. Summer food options: Link has been shared with families

iii. Human resources:

- 1. Employee benefits
 - a. United Health Care - 13% increase by UHC; however, the employee premium increase will be 0%
- 2. Legislative update

- a. Passed the budget at the end of May, about 2% increase. This will continue to be discussed throughout this school year.

VII. Resolutions: None

VIII. Board Member Items: None

IX. Items for Next Meeting: None at this time. Encouraged to send to Mr. Sznitken, Mr. Hall, or Dr. Sandberg.

X. Next Board Meeting: To be determined later

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM

Ratified and Approved by a ____ to ____
vote of the Board of Directors of Franklin
Academy Foundation, Inc. this 23 day
of Sept, 2026.

Board Member

