

Board of Directors Meeting

September 17, 2025
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Franklin Academy Sunrise
4500 NW 103rd Avenue
Sunrise, FL 33351

MINUTES

- I. Call Meeting to Order: Dr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:04PM
- II. Roll Call

Dr. David Thomas (Board Chair)	Ms. Debbie Orshefsky (Board Member)	Dr. Jacqueline Greenberg (Board Member)
Ms. Alexandra Lonsdale (Board Member)	Dr. Daniel Sandberg	Mr. Scott Sznitken
Ms. Wendy Gonzalez	Mrs. Alexandra Fox	Dr. Michael Watts
Mr. Richard Moreno	Ms. Deborah Torres	Ms. Casandra Carrizo
Mrs. Alison L'Etoile	Mrs. Claudia Yurick	Ms. Seletha Keys
Mrs. Diacris Cardoso	Mr. Sergio Delgado	Mrs. Shaina Dillman
Mrs. Yamile Zeidan-Francesse	Ms. Jodimae Lyttle	Ms. Gianelle Amoedo
Mrs. Chantel Rubio	Mrs. Danielle Ockman	Ms. Kelly Capablanca
Merlin Vivas (SUN Parent)	Ms. Elena Diaz	Ms. Valerie Torres
Holli McGee (CC Parent)	Daniely Medina (CC Parent)	

- III. Public Speakers
- IV. Approval and Ratification of Minutes of May 29, 2025 Board Meeting
(Motion moved to by Orshefsky 2nd by Greenberg and approved).
- V. Consent Agenda – Resolution
(Motion moved to by Lonsdale 2nd by Greenberg and approved).

- a. **RESOLVED**, Student Health, Safety & Welfare policy updates are ratified and approved as written;
- b. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, Safe School Officer – Extracurricular Activities policy updates are ratified and approved as written;
- c. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, Approval of budget amendments for the following seven Franklin Academy charters:
 - i. • Franklin Academy Pembroke Pines
 - ii. • Franklin Academy Pembroke Pines High School
 - iii. • Franklin Academy Sunrise
 - iv. • Franklin Academy Cooper City
 - v. • Franklin Academy Boynton Beach
 - vi. • Franklin Academy Palm Beach Gardens
 - vii. • Franklin Academy F
- d. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board hereby delegates authority to the Superintendent of Schools and the Executive Director (collectively, “Board Designees”) to conduct and decide Level 2 suspension appeal hearings on behalf of the Governing Board. They shall provide the board with a summary report on Level 2 suspension appeal outcomes at the next regularly scheduled board meeting, but the decision issued by the Board Designees shall constitute the final decision of the board.
- e. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2025 audit engagement letters for all seven charters are hereby ratified.
- f. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, Policy on Protection of Student Information is hereby ratified and approved as written.
- g. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that FY 2025-26 Palm Beach County Referendum Expenditure Plan is approved and ratified as written;
- h. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that FY 2025-26 Broward County Referendum Expenditure Plan is approved and ratified as written;
- i. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Chaperone Fingerprinting and Background Screening for Field Trips policy is approved and ratified as written.
- j. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the additional out-of-field assignments and related waivers and parental notices provided by Franklin Academy charter school campuses are hereby ratified and approved

VI. Presentations

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

i. Financial Review

1. Finals will be brought to the next board meeting
2. 24 million to 32 million – net income 18 million to 3.2 million (strive for 3% return)
3. Make sure to stick to the budget & keep a vigilant eye
4. Be mindful of enrollment

b. **Dr. Daniel Sandberg, Superintendent of Schools**

i. Academic/Curriculum Overview

1. All campuses maintained their “A”, K12 Campus (K-8) increased to an “A”, and we will continue to work on making our “B” campuses “A”s as well
2. Internship program with Broward College, we have student teachers coming on board and are hired through this partnership – possibility of bringing school nurses from this partnership
3. Lift program has welcomed and grown our in-house talent and transitioned them into leadership roles
4. Ms. Hanza is our new IB Head of Programmes
 - a. IB Deployments will begin next week to observe IB within the classroom
 - b. IB Summit – October 11-13th 2025 – trainers from all around the world
 - c. Cooper City is going through their evaluation process
 - d. Transition to Toddle from ManageBac – trying to define what we want from Toddle to customize and “Franklin-ize” our Toddle experience

c. **Mrs. Shaina Dillman, Principal/Team (SUN K-8)**

i. Staffing/School Update

1. 2 vacancies (MYP History) on boarding MYP PE & 5th grade science

ii. Enrollment Update

1. 1,385 enrollment; 1,386 on Friday – 7 offers out and 3 in registration. 28 withdraws

iii. Campus Highlights

1. Partners in Practice, Implementing IXL Leaderboards and Incentives, BAS Training Refresher & Modeling Sessions, Top Score Writing Training, Effective Grading Practices, Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) Preparation, Completion of Main Administration of NWEA & Amira, FAST Administration will finish September 17th, Preparation for PM1 Data Dives, Toddle Academy & In House Professional Developments, IB Deployments 9/29, MYP Academic Assemblies (Goal Setting & Data Chats), Imagine Learning Trainings, New RtI Tier 2 & 3 Curriculum (Foundations Trainings & Implementation)

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

- i. Staffing/School Update
 1. No vacancies – one on maternity leave
- ii. Enrollment Update
 1. 1,244 pending 3 offers,
- iii. Campus Highlights
 1. Officially Title I
 2. Girl Volleyball Team is currently undefeated
 3. Chasing Dreams – working towards that A
 4. Teachers have received their data and are ready to work
 5. PTO Fundraisers and Coffee with Admin (virtually) huge turnout, Fall Festival &

e. **Mrs. Alexandra Fox, Principal/Team (CC K-8)**

- i. Staffing/School Update
 1. Vacancies: MYP Lang & Lit
- ii. Enrollment Update
 1. 1,326 with 3 pending
- iii. Campus Highlights
 1. Excellence is our theme – continue working towards excellence – being intentional about growth
 2. Lots of growth and new members on staff
 3. IXL Challenge, Garden Committee, Open house events, Curriculum and Technology Nights,
 4. FAST – Franklin Academy Service Team (Safety Patrols)
 5. PTO Events – Yahoo Boohoo Breakfast for the K parents, PTO general parent night and Book Fair

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

- i. Staffing/School Update
- ii. Enrollment Update
 - 1. 954 – budgeted for 969
 - 2. Withdraws 124 (only 15 have left to county schools)
 - 3. 269 New Students
- iii. Campus Highlights
 - 1. Kinder Round Up, Meet & Greet, Dr. Culver Professional Speaker, Club Fest, Back to School Dance, Ron Clark House System, Grandparents Day, Summer Reading Celebration, Coffee with Admin, Curriculum Night, Spelling Bee & Breast Cancer walk

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

- i. Staffing/School Update
 - 1. 5 vacancies – 18 new hires
- ii. Enrollment Update – 1,335 – 3 offers out with 0 students on our waitlist – 25 student withdraws – 22% applicants
- iii. Campus highlights
 - 1. MYP students read “A Long Walk to Water” – students were so inspired that they have built a well in South Sudan with all of the fundraisers
 - 2. School Supply Drive – shipped to students in the Dominican Republic
 - 3. Decade Brigade, Meet & Greets, Open House Events, Student Expectation Assemblies, Science based field trips, Hispanic Heritage & Storybook Parade October 24th

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

- i. Staffing/School Update
 - 1. 2: Elem. Interventionist & HS ESE Teacher
- ii. Enrollment Update
 - 1. 2,069 – 199 withdraws (less than half of last year)
- iii. Campus Highlights
 - 2. 1st Charter school hosting the American Dream Debate (MS & HS) Students will be able to debate in English and their mother tongue (our ESOL students will get to participate)
 - 3. HS Band performed at the University of Miami game

4. Panthers in Actions, Builders Club (Key Club), Ron Clark House System have been merged with the character pillars
5. Academic Updates: Parent Academies – teaching parents to utilize their resources, ESOL developmental class for MS & HS (for all A1s with intensive reading), IXL Challenge
6. Events: Panther Prowl (student hosted), Senior Activities (parking lot painting, senior sunrise & week, pep rally and Senior/Kinder Buddies), PTO nights, our Choir is performing for the City of Pembroke Pines Commission Meeting

i. **Mr. Scott Sznitken, Executive Director**

i. Organizational Overview/Update

1. Informed board that he was aware of the aftercare related incident with a 1st grade student at the Pembroke Pines K-8 campus as the board was expected to hear from family involved. Further investigation is ongoing into what occurred.
2. Enrollment: Retention rates K12 (K-8) & Sunrise raised their return rate. Cost of living & families moving are major factors in our enrollment numbers (7,051 Applications since December 1st) PBG is working very hard to rebuild their reputation in the community and have seen an increase in enrollment; only campus to do so this year.
3. Operations: Cooper City basketball covering – updated site plan drawing, last thing the city needs to approve. Contract was signed November last year. Pines K-8 Campus has a new traffic pattern and seeing immediate impact reducing traffic on Pines Blvd. All Broward Campuses have completed cell phone boosters installed
4. Human Resources: 32 new Decade Brigade members – 92 active in whole organization. In memory of Mr. Jon Fried and his tenure with Franklin Academy.
5. Finance: Full Time Referendum (\$5,000 – \$13,500), Mrs. Brown will be sending detailed information

VII. Resolutions

- a. **WHEREAS**, the Board requires consulting services to support Franklin Academy; and

WHEREAS, the organizational leadership team has prepared a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for board consideration;

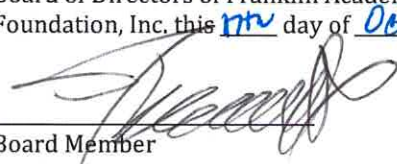
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Directors approve the Independent Management Consulting RFQ as presented.

Discussions regarding need for consultant, the amount the organization has historically paid for such services, and the items included in RFQ. Decision was made to post RFQ on website as distribution method.

(Motion moved to by Orshefsky 2nd by Lonsdale and approved).

- VIII. Board Member Items: None
- IX. Items for Next Meeting: will be submitted to Mr. Sznitken
- X. Next Board Meeting: Mr. Sznitken will propose dates
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM

Ratified and Approved by a 3 to 0 vote of the
Board of Directors of Franklin Academy
Foundation, Inc. this 17th day of Oct., 2025.



Board Member