



Governing Board Meeting Minutes – Academic Year 2024–2025

January 28, 2025 – Regular Governing Board Meeting

Location: Miami Arts Charter School

Time: 1:00 p.m.

1. Opening and Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Chair **Dr. Ray Kimsey**.

Board Members Present:

- Dr. Ray Kimsey
- Jennifer Kenney
- Pablo Canals

Quorum established.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from October 2, 2024, were reviewed. Motion to approve by Dr. Ray Kimsey, second by Jennifer Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Financials & Budgets

- Q2 budget-to-actual presented. School remains on track, with modest surpluses from donations.
- Bond obligations continue to be satisfied.
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4. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

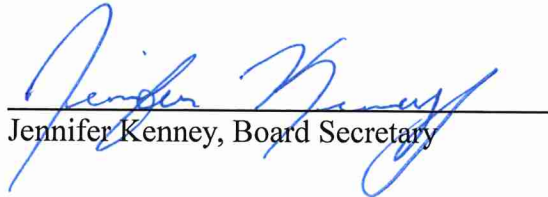
5. Action and Discussion Items

- **Student Performance:** Mid-year testing reflects steady gains, especially in mathematics.
- **Auditions:** February audition process prepared. The board discussed the importance of boosting applicant numbers through outreach.
- **School Events Calendar:** Spring events finalized, including showcases and AP prep sessions.
- **Accreditation:** Updates on staff readiness for COGNIA renewal provided.

- **Budget-to-Actual Review:** Positive alignment confirmed.
- **Employee Clearance:** Board reviewed implementation steps for transition to new clearance system.
- **Curriculum Transition:** Professional development for classical pedagogy ongoing.
- **School Choice Competition:** The board discussed increased competition from nearby schools because of new Florida legislation expanding school choice options, emphasizing the need for continued focus on retention and recruitment.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Ray Kimsey, second by Jennifer Kenney. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Jennifer Kenney, Board Secretary