MIAMI ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 24th, 2025
Location: Listening Room, 1st Floor
Time: 1:00 PM

Present:

- Dr. Raymond Kimsey, Board Chair
- Ms. Jennifer Kenney, Secretary
- Mr. Julio Bague, Board Member
- Mr. Alfredo de la Rosa, Principal
- Ms. Carolina Torres, Asst. Principal
- Mr. Oscar Solorzano, Asst. Principal
- Ms. Valerie Barreiro, Asst. Principal
- Mr. Noel Puig, CFO
- Ms. Venessa Vargas, Administrative Asst.

1. Opening and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Raymond Kimsey at 1:05 P.M.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on May 15, 2025, were reviewed and approved unanimously.

3. Financials & Budgets

Mr. Noel Puig presented the financial statements and budget updates for the board's review, including a summary of the school's year-end financial position and cash reserves heading into the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

FTE increases along with TSIA funds from the state are projected to continue to help fund teacher salary increases.

Ms. Venessa Vargas confirmed that FDOE FTE Survey 1 (survey week July 14-18, 2025) was submitted ahead of the August 1, 2025 deadline.

4. Public Comments

No Public Speakers Scheduled.

5. Action and Discussion Items

Review and Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget- Mr. de la Rosa presented the recommended annual budget to the board for review. Budget conference took place throughout the summer, and the board discussed the continued challenge of attracting teachers to fill vacancies given Miami's rising cost of living. The budget includes an allocation to cover relocation expenses for out-of-town candidates as an incentive to accept teaching positions at the school. The board also discussed initial cost projections for the planned 2026-2027 Classical Education transition, including anticipated Latin instruction staffing and Great Books curriculum materials. The 2025-2026 budget was approved unanimously (3-0).

Review and Discussion of Student Standardized Test Results and School Grade- Ms. Torres presented student scores for the preceding year. The board reviewed results across subject areas and discussed continued areas of focus. Ms. Torres confirmed that MAC remains an "A" school and a Florida High Performing Charter School, and she noted that the school's overall scores have been increasing year over year.

Enrollment Report- Ms. Barreiro presented the school enrollment report. The board reviewed application totals to date, which indicate that the school is on track to meet enrollment expectations necessary to meet budget projections and comply with construction bond covenants.

Out of Area Waivers- The board reviewed and approved all out-of-area waivers as presented.

<u>Classical Education Transition — Initial Update</u>- Mr. de la Rosa introduced the board to the planned 2026-2027 transition to a Classical Education model, incorporating Great Books, Humanities, Logic, Rhetoric, and Latin instruction alongside the school's existing AP Capstone and arts programs. He outlined the trivium framework (Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric) that will guide curriculum sequencing, and noted that a Philosophy Statement and Classical Education School Development Plan are in early development. The board expressed support for continued planning and requested regular progress updates at future meetings.

<u>School Activities Calendar</u>- The school calendar of concerts, performances, and events was reviewed and discussed.

6. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was reviewed and approved without any objections.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 P.M.

By: Jennifer Kenney, Board Secretary