MIAMI ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL
Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 29th, 2026
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 1:12 P.M.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes
The minutes from the previous meeting held on November 13, 2025, were reviewed and approved unanimously.

3. Financials & Budgets
Mr. Noel Puig presented the financial update and discussed budget considerations for the 2026-2027 school year. 2026-2027 budgeting activities will begin by April.

Ms. Venessa Vargas reminded the board that the FDOE Class Size Compliance Plan is due February 1, 2026, and confirmed the school's plan is ready for submission.

4. Public Comments
Members of the public were invited to provide comments. No speakers were present.

5. Action and Discussion Items
Teacher Retention Survey Results- Mr. de la Rosa reported on the results of the teacher retention surveys distributed prior to Spring Break to estimate the staffing plan necessary to accommodate the Classical Education transition. Mr. de la Rosa was extremely pleased to report a very high teacher return rate of 98% for the following school year.

Progress Monitoring 2 (PM2) Results- Ms. Torres presented the PM2 test results. All areas are showing progress as expected, and the board did not identify any concerning drops in testing results. Interventions and tutoring are ongoing with a relatively good rate of student attendance.

February FTE Preparation- Ms. Barreiro presented the enrollment report ahead of FDOE FTE Survey 3 (survey week February 2-6, 2026; due February 13, 2026), confirming that enrollment is on track to meet expectations and that all enrollment covenants will be met.

Classical Education School Development Plan — Program Update- Mr. de la Rosa provided an update on the Classical Education School Development Plan planned ahead of the August 2026 school opening. The completed Philosophy Statement and Day 1 agenda were reviewed with the board, and Mr. de la Rosa outlined continued work on the Day 2 agenda, which will focus on Great Books sequencing across grade levels and classroom application of Logic and Rhetoric instruction. The board discussed the requirement that Latin instruction be sourced on a secular-only basis consistent with the school's status as a public charter school.

Library System Recommendation- Following the board's discussion at the November meeting, Mr. de la Rosa presented a formal recommendation to adopt Follett Destiny as the school's library management system, citing pricing, staff familiarity, and integration support as the deciding factors. The board approved the recommendation unanimously (3-0) and authorized Mr. de la Rosa to proceed with licensing.

6. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was reviewed and approved without any objections.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

By: Jennifer Kenney, Board Secretary