

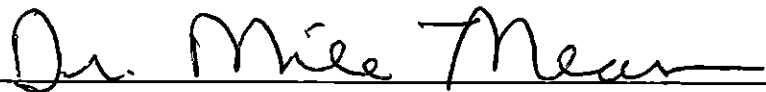
**Palmetto Charter School Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2024**

Call to Order, Pledge to Flag and Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 3:32pm by Chairperson, Dr. Mike Mears. In attendance were Evan Guido, Mary Johnson, Zack McClary, Kelli Douglas, Carly Lambert and Jelane Broxson.
Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes	Mr. McClary made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2/21/2024. Mrs. Lambert seconded the motion. No discussion, all approved 6-0.
Public Comments	Mrs. Autumn Abbott addressed the Board commending our staff and Administration. She voiced her concern for the pay gap between our teacher salaries and other schools.
Jr. Beta Club Update	Ms. Evans gave an update on the latest Jr. Beta Club Convention that our Middle School attended. They had a wonderful convention again this year and our school's representation was stellar. One of our 6 th grade students, Oliver R., even ran for and won the position of Jr. Beta Club President of Florida. One student, Kaylee S., showed some of her artwork that won awards last year and this year. Well done, Eagles!
Principal Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2024-2025 Enrollment – We've completed our lottery for the upcoming school year. We received nearly 400 Intent to Enroll Forms and are working on placement. 2) Spring Athletics – Flag Football had an undefeated season this year but lost in the Championship game. Pickleball Championships are tomorrow. This has been a great season for our Pickleball team. Soccer is currently in progress and Tennis, Golf and Softball will begin after Spring Break. Our Annual Sports Banquet is May 10th. Coach Leavitt invited all Board Members to attend. 3) 8th Grade Trip – It's all coming together. The dates are May 17th - 21st. 4) A+ Celebration/Walk-A-Thon – We had to postpone our celebration due to the weather. It is now scheduled for April 12th.
New Board Member Consideration	Mr. Durrance introduced Mrs. Michelle Biggers to the Board. She has a background in nursing and finance. Dr. Mears confirmed that everyone did receive her resume. Mrs. Johnson made a

	<p>motion to accept Michelle Biggers as our newest Board member. Kelli Douglas seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All approved 6-0. Welcome, Mrs. Biggers!</p>
<p>Updated Cash Statement</p>	<p>We conferenced called Mrs. Affolter if anyone had any questions or concerns about the updated cash position. No action needed.</p>
<p>Building Update</p>	<p>Bill Robey addressed the Board with his recommendation on how to proceed with the build out of building #5.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Guido to form a committee that would include Mr. McClary, Mr. Durrance, Mr. Leavitt, Mr. Robey and a teacher. Mrs. Lambert seconded the motion. All approved. 6-0.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Guido to approve Bill Robey to move forward with Phase 3 as presented by Mr. Robey. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved 6-0. There was some discussion on financing the project. Mr. Durrance has been in contact with Mikel Sharpe and will follow up with him to get more insight into the best way to move forward.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. McClary to use the Ameris Money Market funds to get the construction started while we review the finance options, if needed, to complete Phase 3 of construction with the project not to exceed the \$675,000 presented. Mrs. Lambert seconded the motion. All approved 6-0.</p>
<p>Lunch Program - Revisit</p>	<p>Mrs. Lambert asked for this to be added to the agenda so we could revisit developing our own lunch program. Mr. Durrance asked the Board to consider forming a committee to help to gather more information. An email will be sent to parents to ask if anyone would be interested in being a part of the committee. Mrs. Lambert made a motion to form a committee chaired by Mrs. Autumn Abbott to explore us developing our own lunch program. Mrs. Michelle Biggers volunteered to represent the Board on the committee as well as Mr. Durrance. Mrs. Douglas seconded the motion. All approved 6-0. We will revisit at our May meeting.</p>

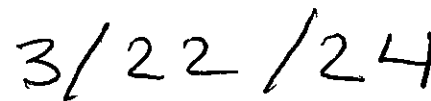
<p>Legal Update on Case #2021CA004310</p>	<p>Mrs. Lambert updated the Board on Case #2021CA004310. We cannot discuss settlement amounts publicly due to litigation strategy. According to the Sunshine Law Closed Session Statute, we can hold a closed session with our attorney, with a court reporter present, to discuss strategy and settlement.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. McClary to authorize our attorney to begin discussing negotiations with the plaintiff, Mr. Durrance, other administrative personnel, and with Mrs. Lambert as the Board representative, with the understanding that any potential settlement will be brought to the Board for prior approval. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. No further discussion. All approved 6-0.</p>
<p>Principal & Assistant Principal Evaluations</p>	<p>Mrs. Douglas volunteered to perform the evaluations again this year. Thank you, Mrs. Douglas!</p>
<p>Board Comments</p>	<p>Mr. Guido recognized Mr. Jason Laser's latest applicable math projects and what a great job he has been doing. Dr. Mears acknowledged Mrs. Abbott's early comments/concerns and assured her that she was heard, and considerations are being made.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Mrs. Lambert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Guido seconded the motion. All approved 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.</p>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO RECORDS OF PALMETTO CHARTER SCHOOL BY, KELLI DOUGLAS.



Dr. Mike Mears, CHAIRPERSON

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