

CITY OF HIALEAH
CHARTER SCHOOL
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Mayor Carlos Hernandez, Chair
Paul B. Hernandez, Vice Chair
Oscar De la Rosa, Secretary/Treasurer



Committee Members:

Katharine Cue-Fuente
Jacqueline Garcia-Roves
Monica Perez
Jesus Tundidor
Carl Zogby

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(VIRTUAL)
MINUTES

April 14, 2020

6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

REPORT: Mayor Carlos Hernandez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

REPORT: Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk, called the roll with the following Committee Members present:

- Chair Carlos Hernandez
- Vice Chair Paul Hernandez
- Secretary/Treasurer Oscar De la Rosa
- Committee Member Katharine Cue-Fuente
- Committee Member Jacqueline Garcia-Roves
- Committee Member Monica Perez
- Committee Member Carl Zogby

REPORT: Committee Member Jesus Tundidor was not present during the roll call. Committee Member Tundidor joined the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

REPORT: Lorena Bravo, City Attorney, was present.

3. **INVOCATION**

REPORT: Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk, led the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT: Committee Member Zogby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. MEETING GUIDELINES

Today's Charter School Oversight Committee Meeting is being conducted in accordance with the following guidelines, which will be considered by the Committee to be adopted by resolution during today's meeting:

- Pursuant to emergency management powers as set forth in F.S. §§252.31-252.90, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69 on March 20, 2020, suspending the "Florida's Government in Sunshine Laws" requirement that a quorum of the legislative body holding a public meeting be met in-person and the meeting be held at a physical location accessible to the public for the duration of the State's Declaration of Emergency issued on March 9, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the State of Florida. Executive Order 20-69 allows local governments to use communications media technology to hold public meetings during the public health emergency as a result of COVID-19, in order to protect the health, welfare and safety of the public, including public officials, from being exposed to COVID-19 and meet the requirements of the Sunshine Law.
- The following minimum guidelines and procedures shall govern the conduct of public meetings of the Charter School Oversight Committee of the City of Hialeah, Florida using communications media technology, held during the duration of the public health emergency as a result of COVID-19.
- The virtual public meeting shall be broadcast live for members of the public to view on the City's Facebook page. In addition, members of the public may hear the meeting live through telephonic conferencing.
- Any person interested in making comments or posing questions on matters of public concern or on any item on the agenda may do so prior to the meeting taking place by email to virtualmeeting@hialeahfl.gov. Comments and questions made by e-mail in advance of the meeting must be received by 3:00 p.m. the business day prior to the meeting or no later than six (6) hours prior to the meeting if only 24-hours' notice prior to the meeting is provided by the City. Email comments and questions shall not exceed three (3) minutes when read. Only the first three minutes of e-mail comments and questions received by the deadline will be read into and form part of the public record. In order for email comments and questions

to be acknowledged during the public meeting, participants must provide their first name, last name and address.

- Any person interested in making comments or posing questions on matters of public concern or on any item on the agenda may do so during the meeting by joining the meeting using Zoom or any other similar web-based meeting platform being used as identified in the notice. The person interested in joining the meeting to participate for this purpose must register with the City Clerk by completing a registration form, providing the information required and submitting the completed form to the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. the business day prior to the meeting or no later than six (6) hours prior to the meeting if only 24-hours' notice prior to the meeting is provided by the City. All registered participants will be muted during the meeting until called upon to be heard. Participation through Zoom requires a computer or smart mobile device with a microphone and web camera. The participant may elect to participate in the meeting using audio only or appear through both audio and video.
- Participants are reminded to maintain decorum in their comments and appearance throughout their participation as the whole meeting will be recorded and published on the City's Facebook page and retained pursuant to the Florida Public Records Law.
- All existing laws or rules of procedure applicable to public meetings (i.e. three minute limit on speaking, three in favor and three in opposition on any item on the agenda, lobbyist registration requirements), that are not in conflict with these procedures and can be observed under the circumstances remain in effect and to the greatest extent practicable should be observed.
- Public comments and questions, whether on general matters of public concern or on a matter on the agenda, will be heard at the beginning of the meeting and once heard no other public participation will be permitted.
- Persons making public comments must identify themselves by first and last name and provide their address for the record, prior to speaking.
- If during the course of the meeting, technical problems develop with the communications network that prevent interested persons from attending, the meeting shall be adjourned until the problems have been corrected.

REPORT: The meeting guidelines were read into the record by Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk, in English.

6. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

REPORT: As of 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2020, no one expressed interest in participating in this public meeting to the Office of the City Clerk. There were no comments or questions submitted via email, not did any person register to participate live during the meeting through the web-based meeting platform.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMENDMENTS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Backup documentation to Items C and D was submitted electronically to all board members.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed with letter designations are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee Member or a resident so requests, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the consent agenda and considered along with the regular order of business.

REPORT: Chair Hernandez requested separate discussion on Consent Item C.

REPORT: Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda, except Item C, made by Committee Member Zogby, and seconded by Committee Member Cue-Fuente. Motion passes 7-0-1 with Committee Member Tundidor not having joined the meeting at the time of the roll call.

- A. Proposed resolution of the Charter School Oversight Committee adopting procedures for virtual public meetings of the committee for the City of Hialeah, Florida using communications media technology in response to COVID-19.

APPROVED 7-0-1 with Committee Member Tundidor not present during roll call.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-001

- B. Request permission to approve the minutes of the City of Hialeah Charter School Oversight Committee meeting held on **February 25, 2020.**

APPROVED 7-0-1 with Committee Member Tundidor not present during roll call.

- C. Discussion on the school's eligibility and application by City of Hialeah Education Academy, Inc., for a Small Business Administration Loan under the Paycheck Protection Program Request of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

REPORT: Ana Martinez, Academica, addressed the committee regarding this item.

REPORT: The Committee directed the City's Law Department to hire an advisor for an advisory opinion on whether the City of Hialeah Education Academy, Inc. qualifies for the loan before the Chair signs the application.

Proposed resolution of the City of Hialeah, Florida Charter School Oversight Committee requesting the Board of Directors of the City of Hialeah Education Academy, Inc., to consider applying for a covered loan under the Paycheck Protection Program of the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item C made by Chair Hernandez, and seconded by Secretary/Treasurer De la Rosa. Motion passes 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-002

- D. Proposed resolution of the Charter School Oversight Committee affirming the Mayor and the each Council Member as members of the Charter School Oversight Committee, and further electing Mayor Carlos Hernandez as Chair; the Council President, currently Paul Hernandez, as Vice Chair; and the Council Vice President, currently Oscar De la Rosa as Secretary/Treasurer; for a term to coincide with the term of office of each.

APPROVED 7-0-1 with Committee Member Tundidor not having joined the meeting at the time of the roll call.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-003

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT: None

10. NEW BUSINESS

REPORT: None

REPORT: Meeting was adjourn by Chair Hernandez at 7:03 p.m.

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Persons wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Council, with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purposes, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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**NEXT CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING:
May 26, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.**