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CLASSICAL ACADEMY

Naples Classical Academy (NCA)

Minutes for Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

10270 Immokalee Rd, Naples, FL 34120

September 24, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

	Name	Office	Present	Absent
1	Mr. Matthew Mathias	Board Chair	✓	
2	Dr. Mark Russo	Secretary	✓	
3	Mr. William Truog	Director	✓	
4	Ms. Courtney Sowerby-Thomas	Director	✓	
5	Mr. David Gooch	Director		✓

School Personnel in Attendance:	Optima Personnel in Attendance:	Guests in Attendance:
Dr. Lisa Rochefort, Interim Head of School	Mrs. Susan Turner, Dir. Of Compliance & Governance	
Mr. Ben Duff, Dean of Students		

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mr. Mathias.
2. Attendance roll call conducted.
3. Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Bill Truog, seconded by Courtney Sowerby-Thomas, vote- unanimous. (Dr. Russo absent)
4. Public Comment
 - a. Dr. Kevin LoTruglio
 - b. Mr. Barrett
 - c. Mr. Christopher Sanderson
 - d. Mr. Ryan Severo
 - e. Ms. Dominique Martinod
 - f. Mrs. Robyn Mathias
 - g. Mr. Christopher Kambach
 - h. Mr. John Rose

[Dr. Russo arrived]

5. Head of School Candidate Interviews: board members presented questions to each candidate, Dr. Lisa Rochefort and Mr. Edward Duff, and discussed their perspectives of each. Mr. Mathias recommended continuing on with Dr. Rochefort as interim Head of School with measurables in place until December 10th board meeting for re-evaluation at that time. Action items for Dr. Rochefort: revised budget, communication and grievance process for parents and teachers, plan for curriculum fidelity to Hillsdale model, plan for strengthening understanding of the business function of the school.
6. Board Comments – Dr. Russo noted the board’s and school’s navigation of recent changes. Mr. Truog thanked both candidates and all teachers in attendance. Ms. Sowerby-Thomas thanked the candidates and shared hope for improvement. Mr. Mathias acknowledged the need to build consensus over time and the challenges faced by faculty and staff.

7. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Reviewed and approved by Board Chair, Mr. Matthew Mathias

Matthew W. Mathias

Matthew W. Mathias (Oct 30, 2024 13:34 EDT)

Signature

Oct 30, 2024

Date