



October 27, 2025 - Board Meeting of Ocean Studies Charter School

Members present: Nicky Rudolph, President; Charlie Rodgers (virtual), Vice President; Marlies Tumolo, Secretary; and members Ari Poholek, Beth Kamenstein (virtual), Kristen Spazak (virtual), David Thompson (virtual)

Absent: None

Administration: Jon Shoffstall, Principal; Jessica Martinez, Assistant Principal

Guests: Carol Hoeltje, Ania Burre, Martha Loizeaux, Julia Tiplea

5:09 PM Nicky called the meeting to order

Citizen Input/Request to Address Board of Directors –

- None

There was a proposal to change agenda order to do marine science presentation first as the teachers were present. Board approved the change.

Consent Items- With a quorum present, the Board unanimously approved the following items:

- Updated financials for June, July and August – small changes need to be approved
- September Financials
 - GASB, Profit/Loss Budget, OSCS Financials
 - Beth motioned to approve financials for June, July, August and September, Kristin seconded. All in favor, none against. Motion passed.
- September Minutes
 - Edit suggestions were made
 - Beth motions to approve minutes with suggested changes. Charlie seconds the motion, all in favor, none against. Motion passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – none

Reports and Discussions-

- School Operations Report
 - Marine Science International Trip Presentation- Ms. Julia & Ms. Martha
 - 5th -8th grade each have a local and international trip.
 - Shared mission and learning objectives for international trips.
 - Have developed partnerships with organizations that are sustainability and environmentally focused.
 - Scholarships and Fundraisers
 - Ensure there is funding for students to continue to get scholarships to be able to attend the international trips.

- Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools Conference Report
 - Jon was able to attend the conference and shared his insights.
- Water leaks update
 - Keys Roofing is going to address the drains. They need 48 hours without rain after work is complete so there has been a delay.
- FAST & STAR Data
 - PM1 Fall, PM2 Winter, PM3 Spring
 - MTSS
 - Discussed trends
- Fundraising Committee Report- none
- Construction Committee Report
 - FAR Options Update
 - Estimated 11K for services
 - Beth makes a motion to engage Kia Harris to review zoning with a max expenditure of 15K, Ari seconds the motion. All in favor, none against. Motion passed.
 - Due to leaks, recommend that a small group work to find an architect and get a preliminary timeline and outline of cost and scope to execute the project to enclose the second floor.
 - Marlies motions to approve moving forward with scope of work, architectural sketches, and estimated cost to enclose upstairs of the original building. Kristen seconds the motion. All in favor, none against. Motion passed.
- Strategic Planning Committee- none
- Short-term CDs Discussion (postponed)
- Board Self-Assessment Conversation- Create an Action Plan (postponed)
 - Items with low rating:
 - The board has the right number of directors.
 - The process for recruitment and selection of nominees to serve as directors is appropriate.
 - Other items that were elevated:
 - Understanding charter school finances
- Compensation and Bonus Conversation- A-Rating School Recognition (postponed)
- Beth and Nicky visited NUFU school and MIT media lab and provided some background as to how these organizations are approaching project-based learning.

Action Items- With a quorum present, the Board unanimously approved the following items:

- Approve Audit – Kristen motions to approve the final audit, Ari seconds, all in favor, none against. Motion passed.
- Approve adjusted GASBs

- Approve the payoff of loan #17001000241
 - Marlies motion to approve payoff of loan, Ari seconded motion, all in favor, none against. Motion passed.
- Approve the enclosure of upstairs with additional instructional space of the original building. Including moving forward with scope of work, architectural sketches, and estimated cost.

Adjourned at 6:34pm

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:00pm

Current Enrollment: 180

Submitted by: Marlies Tumolo, Secretary