

# Classical Education Network (CEN)

MINUTES for Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 2, 2023 2:30 P.M.

Via Microsoft Teams



Optima Classical Academy at Gladiolus, Lee (MSID: TBD)

Optima Classical Academy, virtual, Collier (MSID: 9040)

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Mr. Christopher Hudson	Board Chair	✓			
2	Dr. Laura Pate	Director	✓			
3	Ms. Yvonne Caldwell	Board Secretary		✓		
4	Mr. Glen Gilzean	Director		✓		
5	Ms. Cary Mitchell	Director	✓			

School Personnel in Attendance:	Optima Staff/Guests in Attendance:
Mrs. Erika Donalds, Executive Director	Mrs. Susan Turner, OptimaEd Director of Governance & Compliance
Dr. Daniel Sturdevant, Head of School	Mr. Dwin Horne, Summit Construction Management Group
Mrs. Fallon McLaughlin, School Operations Manager	
Mr. Albert Cardenas, Area School Operations Manager	

1. Call to Order by Mr. Hudson at 2:00 P.M.
2. Attendance taken.
3. Agenda Adoption – as presented
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes- Motion by Laura Pate to approve the 4/11/23 meeting minutes, seconded by Cary Mitchell. Vote: unanimous.
5. Board Chair Report – no report today
6. Public Comment – None
7. Review of authorizer unique correspondence (written notice from School District, Lee and Collier) – None
8. Head of School’s Report – Dr. Sturdevant reviewed the iReady testing period comparisons for both ELA and mathematics. Both showed learning gains. Dr. Sturdevant also updated the governing board on ChatGPT and how the school has addressed the use of it; final FAST testing and how the state required testing will be conducted in districts who will not permit OCA students to test at their facilities; and the upcoming Spanish and music course offerings for next year.

9. OptimaEd Report – Mrs. Donalds updated the board on enrollment and expected growth for next year. Mrs. Donalds explained the pending corporate structure for bond financing in Lee County, and the revised Duval County charter application.
  
10. New Business
  - a. Summit Construction Contract Stipulated Sum- Optima Classical Academy at Gladiolus- the board discussed the contract and Mr. Horne from Summit Construction answered questions. Vote tabled until revised drawings and final entity for ownership are available.
  - b. Optima Classical Academy at Gladiolus Reimbursement Resolution – Mrs. Donalds explained the resolution. Vote tabled until final entity for ownership is available.
  - c. Optima Classical Academy 9040 Annual Audit RFP – only one firm provided a proposal to the school. Based on McCrady and Associates work at other Florida charter schools, Laura Pate motioned to approve McCrady as the school’s auditor. Seconded by Chris Hudson. Vote: unanimous.
  
11. Board Comments – Mr. Hudson requested that open board positions and potential candidates be added to the next regular meeting agenda. Current openings are treasurer and vice-chairman.
  
12. Adjournment – 3:13 P.M.