

IDEA Public Schools  
**Florida Board of Directors Meeting**  
February 28, 2024  
3:00 PM EST

**Board Members present:** Gary Chartrand, Christina Barker, Renee Baker

**Board Members not present:** Nick Rhodes

**Staff, Legal Counsel and Consultants present:** Daniel Woodring, Eric Haug, Jennifer White, Ben Bracher, Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill, James Hartman, Simaran Bakshi, Alec Macaulay, Michelle Knapp, Erika Hernandez, Guadalupe Hinojosa, Elizabeth Valades, Megan Arenas-Goossen, Denise Jasso, Dennis Vasquez

**Audience present:** None

The meeting is called to order by Christina Barker, Board Chair, at 3:01 PM EST

**Approval of Agenda**

The Board passed a motion to approve the board agenda for today's meeting.

Motion made by: Renee Baker  
Second to motion: Gary Chartrand  
All in favor: All present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None that were present  
*Motion carries.*

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board passed a motion to approve the January 24 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the February 1 Special Called Meeting minutes.

Motion made by: Gary Chartrand  
Second to motion: Renee Baker  
All in favor: All present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None that were present  
*Motion carries.*

**Updates**

**A. National Updates**

- i. Florida Accountability Update

Presenter: Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill, CEO/Superintendent

- ii. Introduction of IPS Consultant  
Presenter: Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill, CEO/Superintendent

## **B. Regional Updates**

- i. Lottery and Enrollment Update  
Presenter: James Hartman, Executive Director – Tampa Bay
- ii. Academic Data Update  
Presenter: Simaran Bakshi, Executive Director – Jacksonville
- iii. Executive Director Report
  - 1. State of the Region: Tampa  
Presenter: James Hartman, Executive Director – Tampa Bay
  - 2. State of the Region: Jacksonville  
Presenter: Simaran Bakshi, Executive Director – Jacksonville
- iv. Approval of Principal Contract  
Presenter: James Hartman, Executive Director – Tampa Bay
- v. 24-25 Lakeland Academic Calendar  
Presenter: James Hartman, Executive Director – Tampa Bay
- vi. 23-24 Student Handbook Update  
Presenter: Megan Arenas-Goossen, Managing Director of Authorizer Strategy

**C. Financial Update**

- i. January 2024 Financial Statement

Presenter: Guadalupe Hinojosa, Managing Director of Accounting

**D. Budget Updates**

- i. Variance Analysis

Presenter: Erika Hernandez, Managing Director of Financial Planning & Analysis

- ii. FY 24 February Budget Amendments

Presenter: Erika Hernandez, Managing Director of Financial Planning & Analysis

**E. Operational Update**

- i. Yellow Fleet Buses

Presenter: Jennifer White, Managing Director of Governance and Policy

**F. IDEA Florida Drug-Free Workplace Policy Update**

Presenter: Simaran Bakshi, Executive Director – Jacksonville

**Action Items**

- A. The Board passed a motion to approve Principal Contract as presented

Motion made by: Renee Baker  
Second to motion: Gary Chartrand  
All in favor: All present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None present  
*Motion carries.*

- B. The Board passed a motion to approve 24-25 Lakeland Academic Calendar as presented

Motion made by: Gary Chartrand  
Second to motion: Renee Baker  
All in favor: All present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None present  
*Motion carries.*

- C. The Board passed a motion to approve 23-24 Student Handbook Update as presented

Motion made by: Gary Chartrand  
Second to motion: Renee Baker  
All in favor: All present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None present  
*Motion carries.*

- D. The Board passed a motion to approve the IDEA Florida, Inc. January 2024 Monthly Financial Statement

Motion made by: Renee Baker  
Second to motion: Gary Chartrand  
All in favor: All present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None present  
*Motion carries.*

- E. The Board passed a motion to approve the FY 24 February Budget Amendments

Motion made by: Renee Baker  
Second to motion: Gary Chartrand  
All in favor: All present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None present  
*Motion carries.*

- F. The Board passed a motion to approve Resolution regarding Independent Contract Agreement (ICA) for additional buses as presented

Motion made by: Gary Chartrand  
Second to motion: Renee Baker  
All in favor: All present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None present  
*Motion carries.*

G. The Board passed a motion to approve IDEA Florida Drug-Free Workplace Policy Update as presented

Motion made by: Gary Chartrand  
Second to motion: Renee Baker  
All in favor: All present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None present  
*Motion carries.*

**Consent Agenda:**

The Board passed a motion to approve the consent agenda in one board action.

- A. Navigate 360 LLC
- B. SHI Government Solutions, Inc
- C. Charter Communications

Motion made by: Gary Chartrand  
Second to motion: Renee Baker  
All in favor: All Present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None that were present  
*Motion carries.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Member Comment:** None

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**Adjourn**

The Board passed a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 PM EST.

Motion made by: Gary Chartrand  
Second to motion: Renee Baker  
All in favor: All Present  
Not in Attendance: Nick Rhodes  
All Opposed: None that were present  
*Motion carries.*

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Board of Directors of IDEA Florida, Inc. held on February 28, 2024.

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Nick Rhodes, Board Secretary

3/27/2024

Date

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