

IDEA Public Schools  
**Florida Board of Directors Meeting**  
December 16, 2025  
3:00PM EST

**Board Members present:** Renee Baker, Kate Wallace and Gary Chartrand

**Board Members not present:** N/A

**Staff, Legal Counsel and Consultants present:** Adam Miller, Christina Porter, James Hartman, Michelle Knapp, Megan Goossen, Daniel Woodring, Eric Haug, Carrie Melvin

**Audience present:** Linda Prevatt

The meeting is called to order by Renee Baker, Board Chair, at 3:03 PM EST at which time quorum was established.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board passed a motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes from October 28, 2025.

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

**Updates**

**A. Regional Updates**

- i. Executive Director Report – Tampa Bay  
Presenter: James Hartman, Executive Director – Tampa Bay
  - a. Florida School Recognition Program Distribution Plan – recognition payment for applicable staff currently employed in IDEA Florida.

- b. 2026-27 Academic Calendars
- ii. Executive Director Report – Jacksonville  
Presenter: Simaran Bakshi, Executive Director – Jacksonville
  - a. 2026-27 Academic Calendars

**B. Financial Updates**

- i. Adam Miller, National IPS Director presented on behalf of Desmond Lovell, VP of Finance, presented the following updates.
  - a. Q1 Financials
  - b. Florida long term refinancing strategy

**Action Items**

- A. Approval of 2026-27 Academic Calendars as presented.

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

- B. Approval of the Recognition Florida School Program Distribution Plan as presented.

Motion made by: Gary Chartrand  
Second to motion: Kate Wallace  
All in favor: All present  
Not in Attendance: N/A  
All Opposed: None that were present  
*Motion carries.*

**Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Resolution regarding Bank Signature Authority
- B. Contracts
  - a. Cengage Learning

Motion made by: Gary Chartrand  
Second to motion: Kate Wallace  
All in favor: All Present  
Not in Attendance: N/A  
All Opposed: None that were present  
*Motion carries.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Member Comment:** None

**Adjourn**

The Board passed a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 PM EST.

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 December 16, 2025.

*Renée Baker*

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Renee Baker, Board Chair

**Apr 1, 2026**

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Date


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