



FOCUS ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday, May 18, 2026

Minutes

4:30 p.m.

Meeting Called to order:

Board Chair called the meeting to order at 4:31 James Rossman, Karl Langefeld, James Ballard and Beth McIntyre were present. Doug Amoroso and Ildes Sotolo attended via Zoom. Staff members Josephine Isenbergh, Loretta Gallo-Lopez, Elisabeth Kraft-Radka, Meagan Zaharakes, and Olga Siegenthaler were present. Clayton Clemens with Project Focus was present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Rossman sought approval of April 20, 2026, Board minutes. Beth McIntyre made a Motion; Karl Langefeld seconded. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

FOCUS MOMENT-

Water Day was a great success this year. The students, staff, and volunteers had a blast.

BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS -

None

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORTS

Financial Committee-

The funds that have been hung up by the State may be closer to being released and a resolution has been reached. Angela Weary-Crooks, from the Charter Office, spoke to the IDEA department and indicated that we will be getting our funds in July. We will also be getting our FTE funding shortly.

Closing out this year, the school's finances are looking much better, particularly in comparison to the end of last year. The discussion of bonuses was had. The teachers and school staff received the millage supplements. More information will be reviewed to make the determination regarding bonuses.

Governance Committee-

Did not meet - no notes.

Marketing Committee –

Did not meet - no notes

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Looking at hiring a Drama Therapist for Focus Academy, an interview was held today, and it went very well.

Currently we are slotted to have 108 students for next school year with a goal of 115 students.

FOUNDATION REPORT

The Glow Row event went very well and will be held on April 10th for 2027.

We are applying for lots of grants to help support clients and students.

Our Gala is scheduled for October 9th at the Tampa Yacht Club; Mosaic has agreed to be our sponsor again this year.

Looking at adding a social event to the calendar in August to bring all the Board's together, including the Young Professionals Committees, and sustainers to have a social event.

Working on the appropriation in Tallahassee. The Focus team is working on finalizing some answers regarding potential property.

The Young Professionals Committee is planning another Golf Tournament for January 2027.

COMMITTEE/ACTION ITEMS

James Rossman sought approval of the district financials. James Ballard made a motion; Karl Langefeld made a second motion. All approved.

Upcoming Meetings: 2026-2027 Schedule TBD

Adjournment: Board Chair Rossman made a Motion to adjourn.

Karl Langefeld made the Motion; Beth McIntyre made a second motion. All approved.
Meeting adjourned at 5:01.

Reminder: Board members must recuse voting on any item that may be a conflict of interest.

Minutes taken and prepared by Meagan Zaharakes, approved by Board vote and confirmed by signature below:

JAMES M. ROSSMAN CHAIR

Print Name Title

JAMES M. ROSSMAN July 13, 2026

Signature and Date