Educational Horizons Charter School

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Minutes for Educational Horizons Charter School
Governing Board Meeting | Wednesday August 26, 2026 @6: 00p.m

- The meeting was called to order by Aileen Tapp at 5:59p.m on Wednesday August 26, 2026
- Present at the meeting where Paul Galloway, Principal of Educational Horizons Charter; Dr. Erik A. Thorson, Board Approved Operator and Designee; Josephine Parker Assistant Principal Educational Horizons Charter; Aileen Tapp, Governing Board President (April Rubin, Board Member; Tanya Grace Board Member, Cheryl Turner Brevard Public Schools, Dr. Melinda Maier Brevard Public Schools.
- Mrs. Tapp asked for Public Comment and questions. There was no response.
- A review of Minutes from June 10, 2026, was presented for Board Members. Motion by Tanya Grace to accept and approve minutes from June 10, 2026, board meeting, Seconded by Aileen Tapp. Motion passed 3-0.
- Mr. Galloway presented the BPS Code of Conduct Adoption. Mr. Galloway talked about using the Brevard Public School Code of Conduct which includes student discipline. Motion to accept and adopt BPS Code of Conduct by Aileen Tapp, Seconded by April Rubin. Motion passed 3-0.
- Mr. Galloway and Mrs. Parker presented the Health Plan, highlighting student safety and new protocol. Motion to accept Health plan by Tanya Grace, seconded by April Rubin. Motion passed 3-0.
- Mr. Galloway and Mrs. Parker presented the SIP (School Improvement Plan) highlighting the retention of teachers and the concentration of areas of deficiency from the year before. Further discussion by board and administration endured as they discussed tutoring and specific academic strategies that will be implemented to keep the school's growth and progress heading in a positive manner. Mrs. Parker and Mr. Galloway also talked about Heidi Murphy and her new coaching position. Heidi Murphy will receive a stipend on non-teaching time to educate and support all Educational Horizons teachers on the implementation of Montessori strategies in their classrooms. Motion by Aileen Tapp to accept Educational Horizons SIP (School Improvement Plan) seconded by Tanya Grace. Motion passed 3-0.
- Mr. Galloway presented the teacher Out of Field Report: Highlighting those teachers who had temporary certificates but did not possess the 5-year professional license. Mr. Galloway shared with the board the individuals and where they were currently in the process of obtaining their professional licenses. Motion to accept Out of Field Report by Aileen Tapp, Seconded by Tanya Grace. Motion passed 3-0

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- Dr. Thorson presented his management report which included a motion to appoint Dr. Erik A. Thorson a licensed teacher and administrator for the state of Florida as an emergency principal or assistant principal in case of disaster. Disaster is defined as one or both existing principals out for an extended period. It should be noted that Dr. Thorson's involvement if needed would be interim and it should be further noted that he will receive $0.00 for his work as he is the President of TMG (Thorson Management Group) the current operator of the school. Motion by Aileen Tapp to accept Dr. Thorson as an emergency administrator at Educational Horizons Charter on an interim basis for $0.00. Seconded by April Rubin. Motion passed 3-0.
- Dr. Thorson presented the final approved budget for the 2026-2027 School Year. This budget made up for a $55,000 shortfall the year before. The new budget has a $5000 buffer if enrollment stays at 140. Current enrollment is 141. Dr. Thorson spoke about some of the cost-cutting measures that the school will be implementing this year. The school's IT company will no longer be needed as Dr. Thorson and Mr. Galloway will pick up the editing, creating, and email responsibilities for the school. Dr. Thorson also mentioned that we have a part-time speech and language pathologist who will save the school about 4K by conducting the work in house. Motion to accept Final School Budget by Tanya Grace, Seconded by April Rubin. Motion passed 3-0.
- Dr. Thorson spoke about the summer projects to the facility including tree removal, ceiling tiles, the installation of the remaining LED lights needed in the classrooms, sealing of the car loop, replacement of rotten wood, exterior paint and a new sign.
- Dr. Thorson and Mr. Galloway spoke about the possibility of looking at a more traditional model instead of the current two teacher model that the school currently has. The model would include Florida ratios which are one teacher to 18 students for grades K-3, and one teacher to 22 students for grades 4th and up. It should be noted that both shared that Montessori would still be a priority along with the Florida state standards that are a must in our current charter. This conversation was shared considering the upcoming vote for SRTX and Millage that is on the November ballot. Mr. Galloway shared that he thought the voting of those two very important revenue streams was trending positively, however Educational Horizons Charter Admin wanted to have a contingency plan if funds were lost.
- Mr. Galloway had no other comments in Principals report as he presented everything on his docket.
- Motion to adjourn by Aileen Tapp at 6:49p.m. Seconded by Tanya Grace. Motion passed 3-0.