

NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING FOR
NORTH RIVER CHARTER ACADEMY
GULF COAST CHARTER ACADEMY SOUTH
OAK CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL OF BONITA SPRINGS
PARRISH CHARTER ACADEMY

Special Board Meeting

A GOVERNING BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON July 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
UTILIZING COMMUNICATION MEDIA TECHNOLOGY (“CMT”).
THE CMT USED WILL BE THE FOLLOWING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5050951442?pwd=SnJjelhNeGh-WTHVTTUNZdGhXS3pLQT09&omn=88545251548>

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INTERESTED PERSONS MAY EITHER ATTEND THIS MEETING VIA CMT OR IN PERSON
AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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8605 Erie Road, Parrish, FL 34219

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MEETING OR TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT:

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ALL BOARD PACKETS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD TO REVIEW PRIOR TO THE
SCHEDULED MEETING.

I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Mark made a motion to call the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Helen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

School Board:

Mark McCabe	President
Helen Deitrich	VP
Frank Zhou	Board Member

FORZA:

Charles Malatesta	CEO
William Staros	COO

Charter Schools:

Parent/School Liaison:

Public/Other:

II. **Approval of Agenda:**

Helen noted a typo with respect to one agenda item which was corrected. Mark then made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Helen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

III. **Public Comments: N/A**

IV. **Old Business: No old business**

V. **Consent Items:**

A. Approval of the Student Welfare Policy (All Schools)

Outlines parent notification requirements and procedures relating to student well-being, including health services and instruction. It also provides a framework for resolving parental concerns at the school, district, and state levels.

B. Approval of the Threat Management Policy (All Schools)

Establishes school-based protocols for assessing and managing potential threats. It includes team composition, evaluation procedures, documentation standards, and coordination with law enforcement and mental health professionals.

C. Approval of the Wireless Communication Devices Policy (All Schools)

Addresses the use of cell phones and similar devices by students during the school day and school events. The policy reflects statutory restrictions under HB 1105 (2025) and § 1006.07(2)(n), Florida Statutes, and includes enforcement mechanisms, defined exceptions, and a requirement that the policy be included in the Student/Parent Handbook.

D. Approval of the Instructional Staff Arrest Reporting Policy (All Schools)

Sets requirements for staff self-reporting of arrests and criminal offenses and outlines the school's obligations for timely response and removal from the classroom, as required by law.

William provided a brief overview of previously approved policy changes to the handbooks. Helen made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mark seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VI. **New Business and Discussion Items Pulled from Consent:**

A. Approval of the "Approving Resolution" related to the Series 2025 Bonds (NRCA)

Discussion- William outlined the documents contained within this Approving Resolution. These include:

- Approving Resolution: By approving the Approving Resolution, the Board is approving everything related to the bond deal.

- The Board is approving the bond issuance subject to the following parameters:
 - Parameters:
 - Maximum principal shall not exceed \$32,000,000
 - Final maturity shall not exceed 41 years
 - Average arbitrage yield for the Series 2025 Bonds shall not exceed 7.75% for the Series 2025A Bonds and 12% for the Series 2025B Bonds [arbitrage yield is effectively the interest rate]
 - The maximum annual debt service shall not exceed \$2,500,000
- First Amendment to FORZA Loan Agreement: This increases the Loan Amount from \$500,000 to \$750,000.
- First Amendment to FORZA Management Agreement: This includes language that is being required by bond counsel to comply with certain IRS regulations. Notably, this does limit the term of the Management Agreement to 30 years. The parties can always mutually agree to renew. The other material change is that any FORZA deferred management fees must be repaid within 5 years and cannot be forgiven.
- Design-Build Amendment: This amends the Consilium Design-Build Agreement to set the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of the building at \$15,274,855.

Mark made a motion to approve the Approving Resolution. Frank seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the Authorization to Proceed letter with Consilium (NRCA)

Discussion- William provided an overview of the letter authorizing the General Contractor, Consilium, to begin mobilizing construction vendors and making initial purchases for the North River Charter project. This early action is intended to prevent delays that could jeopardize the school's planned opening in August 2026. It was noted that waiting until the bond closing on August 14 would significantly compress the construction timeline, making on-time delivery unlikely. Proceeding now remains a tight schedule but offers a better opportunity to complete the project on time.

Mark made a motion to approve the Authorization to Proceed letter. Helen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VII. **Reports: N/A**

VIII. **Comments from the Board: (non-agenda items only)**

IX. **Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: October 8, 2025**

X. **Adjournment:**

Helen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:16PM. Mark seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors under Public Comments, are requested to sign up prior to the beginning of the meeting by emailing Info@FORZAedu.com or by stating your name during Roll Call and requesting to speak. Individuals are limited to three minutes to present their comments.*

***The Board of Directors will not respond to extended public comments during the meeting, however, will follow up on any comments presented, in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.*

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH SCHOOL & ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

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GCCAS.ORG

OCCSEU.ORG
NRCAEDU.ORG