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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BEACON COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
September 17, 2025**

The Board of Directors for Beacon College Prep Inc. meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ 10:30 am at 2750 NW 135th Street Opa-Locka, FL 33054.

Members Present

Jeffrey Miller, President
Octavio Verdeja, Treasurer
Virginia Akar, Member
Lori-Ann Cox, Member

Members Not Present

Melissa Krinzman, Member

Staff & Others Present

Carlos Gonzalez, Board Liaison
Isabelle Acosta, School Principal
Melissa Hernandez, Guest
Gordon Crozier, Guest

Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order @ 10:30 am. Attendance was taken through a roll call; all board members present, except for M. Krinzman. Mr. Miller explained that M. Krinzman will no longer be able to perform her duties as a Board Member and that replacing her with a new member would be best. He suggested that the board attempt to engage the stakeholders in this search. Mr. Miller then reviewed the meeting's agenda and reviewed the prior board meetings minutes and highlights.

Previous board meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

Mr. Miller read through the meeting agenda and asked that meeting begin with V. Akar's Girl's Inc. announcement. Mrs. Akar stated that the enrollment for Girl's Inc at Beacon is below the required threshold and that if this continues it will affect the funding earned by the program. She



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added that every attempt has been made, on her part, to increase this enrollment but has not been successful. Mr. Miller expressed the importance of this program and asked that a concerted effort be made to increase enrollment in this. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the school will go class-to-class in an effort to recruit students and that the upcoming events will have a marketing table for the program.

School Operations:

Principal Change: Mr. Miller reviewed the prior resolution that the former Principal of Beacon, Mr. Sergio Bonilla, accepted a position at another school and that the Board's and School's search identified Ms. Isabelle Acosta as the best candidate to lead the school effective immediately. Ms. Acosta has been at Beacon for over 5 years and has held the roles of Teacher and Assistant Principal. Mr. Gonzalez reviewed her resume and added that she believes in Beacon's mission and that she has a strong relationship with the community at large.

School Grade / Accountability: Mr. Gonzalez presented the details of the 2025 school grade. The details showed continued growth in proficiency in all subjects as well as good learning gain scores. It also showed very positive outcomes with the school's aggressive approach to acceleration. The results of the "A" school grade should result in Beacon earning a high performing status, which would help with finances and growth opportunities. Each Board Member commended the school for its hard work and talent.

Enrollment / Marketing: Mr. Miller stressed that the school's campus is looking great. The turf, the paint, the staff, etc are all exhibiting the values of the school and deserve recognition. It is the best the school has ever looked. In addition, the school grades, culture, and teacher retention numbers show all of the progress the school is making, However, the enrollment numbers have not trended in a positive direction. He acknowledged that this is a trend across much of the school district and state, it is still a major concern for the school. He included that maybe it is time to accept that this school's enrollment capacity needs to be reduced, thus the financial structure needs to be reduced. He asked that a new affordability budget be created with an assumption of 500-550 students as its maximum. That the school should restructure its financing. Board approved.

Mr. Gonzalez updated the board on the status of including a Pre-K program at the school. Mrs. Cox explained she will reach out to eh YWCA to see if a partnership or support can be established. Mr. Verdeja stated he will re-engage the Early Learning Coalition contacts to see what guidance they can present. Mr. Miller suggested that the school could look into renting out the facility to another business instead of running its own pre-school. The board asked Mr. Gonzalez to pursue these avenues.



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School Safety: Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the school's FSSAT for the current school year. When compared to the previous year's there were a few added items that aligned to new rules. Mr. Gonzalez showed that school had a successful visit from the State in the previous year and that not much needs to be changed other than upgrades throughout the campus. The main upgrade

needs for the current school year are improving/repairing cameras throughout the campus and to add control access throughout all exterior doors. Board approved unanimously.

Governance

Conflict Resolution Designee Approval: Mr. Miller suggested that Mr. Gonzalez (561-662-5145, cvgonzalez@beaconpride.org) should remain as the assigned conflict resolution designee for Beacon. Board approved unanimously.

TSIA Approval: Mr. Gonzalez presented the school's TSIA plan. This is a state required plan that ensures an increase in teacher salaries at or beyond the minimum threshold required by the State. Beacon's minimum teacher salary is above the threshold so the vast majority of the funds have been allocated to the sustain salaries portion of the plan. Board approved unanimously.

Finance:

Mr. Crozier reviewed an updated SY26budget to the board. The lower than anticipated enrollment shows a loss of revenue that requires the school to make significant adjustments. The number of staff needs to be reduced and expenses need to be monitored carefully. He showed that the top-line approach is probably best because a continued decrease in enrollment will not be affordable. Board members agreed and expressed the importance if increasing enrollment at the same time as adjusting the expenses. Mr. Verdeja asked if the bond payments can be revisited, Mr. Miller agreed and asked that a follow-up meeting with Building Hope be scheduled.

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:31 pm

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is a Director and/or Officer of Beacon College Prep, Inc, a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of said corporation & the individual charter schools sponsored by the said corporation.



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The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on TBD. Beacon
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By: _____

Jeffrey Miller, Board Chairman

Date: September 23, 2025