

**Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc. d/b/a**

**Advantage Academy of Hillsborough  
Channelside Academy of Math and Science  
Bell Creek Academy  
Bell Creek Academy High School  
Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science  
Independence Academy  
Orange County Preparatory Academy  
Riverview Academy of Math and Science  
Sunlake Academy of Math and Science  
Valrico Lake Advantage Academy  
Big Bend Academy of Math and Science (TBD)**

**Special Board Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

**Location Address: Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science, 9659 W. Waters Avenue, Tampa FL 33635 [via Communications Media Technology \(CMT\)](#)**

**Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/7358528815> By phone: Dial 1-646-558-8656**

**Meeting ID: 735 852 8815.**

**Note Regarding GOVERNING BOARD MEETING - Members of the public may participate via dial-in capability provided at the school location at the address listed above.**

The mission of the host location, Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science is to provide students with a well-rounded education, through a challenging program focused on mathematics and science using innovative, reform-based instructional methods in a stimulating and nurturing environment that fosters maximum student achievement.

**Present at Meeting**

Patricia Rogers, Chairman, Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc  
Charles Harris, Vice Chairman, Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc.  
Jennifer Dean, Board Member, Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc.  
Detria Elsner, Board Member, Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc. Dr. Judith Moore,  
Principal, Sunlake Academy of Math and Science

Chentella Graham, Principal, Orange County Preparatory Academy  
Lauren Herbert, Principal, Valrico Lake Advantage Academy  
Dr. Margaret Fahringer, Principal, Bell Creek Academy/BCA High School  
Cristina Fuentes, Principal, Channelside Academy of Math and Science  
Keith Miller, Principal, Advantage Academy of Hillsborough  
Jack Burkett, Principal, Independence Academy  
Brittany Deen, Principal, Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science  
Marcy Ringdahl, Principal, Riverview Academy of Math and Science  
Laura Harris, Board Liaison  
Lindsay Vanderbilt, Board Liaison  
Shawn Moore, Board Liaison  
Mike Strader, CSA  
Brian Strader, CSA  
Michael Marshall, Attorney, Gunster Law Firm

**A. Meeting called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Patricia Rogers**

Ms. Rogers asked the Board to review the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting (December 3, 2020) and to approve. Mr. Harris motioned to approve the December 3, 2020 board meeting minutes. Mrs. Dean seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**B. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**C. Information Items**

1. Mr. Strader discussed in detail the proposed lease termination between MG3 and Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc. for Orange County Preparatory Academy, Bell Creek Academy, Bell Creek Academy High School, Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science. Mr. Marshall indicated that execution copies of the proposed new amended and restated lease agreements should be available within the next few days.
2. Mr. Strader described the proposed Amended and Restated Management Agreement between Charter School Associates and each school under Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc. The proposed amended and restated ESP agreements are intended to address the Board's legal counsel recommendations and to replace expiring agreements.
3. Mr. Strader discussed teacher waivers that need to be approved by the board (Exhibit A).
4. Mr. Strader introduced the Orange County Preparatory School Improvement Plan. Mr. Strader asked Principal Graham to provide a report regarding the SIP.
5. Dr. Margaret Fahringer gave a report on the school's selection as a NASA National Finalist in the 2020 Artemis APP Development Challenge. The school will hold a special ceremony Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> to recognize the student members of the team and their teacher sponsors. The school looks forward to welcoming several HCPS officials including Mrs.

Melissa Snively, School Board Member, District 4, Mrs. Cinzia DeLange, Charter School Director, HCPS and possibly Superintendent Addison Davis.

6. Mr. Strader introduced a proposed bylaw amendment to align the Bylaw language requiring an “in-person” quorum with state law that permits charter school board members attend meetings via Communications Media Technology. Mr. Strader will bring the item to the next board meeting where a physical quorum is present.
7. Hillsborough County Public Schools has a few new board members. Mrs. Nadia Combs will visit Sunlake Academy of Math and Science on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

**D. Items Scheduled for Board Action**

1. Ms. Rogers called for a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute leases for OCPA, HAMS, BCA/BCH once recommended by legal counsel and in final execution form. Proposed bylaw Amendments will be approved next scheduled board meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021.  
Jennifer Dean motioned to give the Chairman authority to sign once approved by legal counsel and in executable form. Mr. Harris seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.
2. Mrs. Rogers asked for a motion to approve the OCPA 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan as submitted.  
Mrs. Elsner motioned to approve the 2020-2021 OCPA SIP. Mrs. Dean seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mrs. Rogers asked for a motion to approve teacher certification waivers for persons named in Exhibit A.  
Mrs. Dean made a motion to approve teacher waivers for persons named in Exhibit A. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Board Member Reports**

Board Members had outstanding comments regarding the schools, staff, and student for going above and beyond during this difficult time of the pandemic. All were very happy with the recognition of BCH as one of ten finalists nationwide in the 2020 NASA App Challenge.

Patricia Rogers; Proud of principals and board members.

Charles Harris; Thank you for making a difference.

Detria Elsner; I admire every single one of you for the continuation of learning.

Jennifer Dean; Amazing principals, staff members and students.

**F. Adjourn**


The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is Chairman of Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, 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 and the individual charter schools sponsored by said corporation. The board meeting minutes of the Corporation for February 4, 2021 were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on February 18, 2021 where the meeting minutes were adopted and approved.

ADVANTAGE ACADEMY OF Hillsborough, INC.

A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation

By:   
Patricia Rogers, Chairman