



Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School  
School Board Meeting  
**Monday, January 22, 2024, 10:30 am**  
100 East Harney Pond Rd, Okeechobee, FL

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:31am by Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola

Invocation was given by Tony Bullington

*Present:* Marcellus W. Osceola, Jr, Mariann Billie, Larry Howard, Christopher Osceola, Tracy Downing, Jim Shore, Michele Thomas, Matthew Galvin, Jeannette Merced, Rosanna Bencosme, Brian Strader, Bryan Granie, and Stephanie Tedders

II. Approval of August 24, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve 08/24/23 Board Minutes made by Larry Howard and seconded by Mariann Billie.

Motion unanimously carried.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Action Items

- A. Resolution #5: Appointment of a Member to the Board of Trustees of Pemayetv Emahakv, Inc and the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School

Motion made by Larry Howard seconded by Mariann Billie. **Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 4-0**

- B. Resolution #6: To Approve 2023-24 King and Walker Representation Letter; Ratification

Motion made by Larry Howard and seconded by Christopher Osceola. **Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 5-0**

- C. Resolution #7: To Approve 2023-24 Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Independent Auditor's Report; Ratification

Motion made by Larry Howard seconded by Mariann Billie. **Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 5-0**

- D. Resolution #8: Approval of the 2022 Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax from 990; Ratification

Motion made by Larry Howard and seconded by Christopher Osceola. **Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 5-0**

V. Topics for Discussion

A. Pema yetv Emahakv's Employees of the Year

1. **Culture Employee of the Year:** Marilee Johns is our Pre-K and Kdg Creek Teacher. She also teaches Pre-K-8th grade Arts & Crafts.
2. **Employee of the Year:** Temperance Williams was also the District Employee of the Year. She is a Kindergarten paraprofessional and has been on staff since 2007.
3. **Teacher of the Year:** Quenten Pritchard is a middle school teacher who teaches History and Civics.

B. School Safety

1. Active Shooter Training took place on November 17th, 2023. SPD provided a 2-hour inservice, including an oral presentation, videos, and a discussion regarding our emergency plan. The realistic scenario will be rescheduled.
2. Implemented a VMS (Visitor Management System), which screens all visitors prior to accessing our campus.
3. We are currently in compliance with The Jessica Lunsford Act, which requires that all vendors, contractors, or anyone who provides services must complete a Level 2 background check prior to accessing our campus.
4. This complies with Alyssa's law, which requires public schools to be equipped with silent panic buttons directly linked to SPD and law enforcement. All staff have the panic button on their electronic devices, including their cell phones.
5. FLDOE Safe Schools Initiative: Emergency Response Mapping Site Specific Labels for School Structures. We are currently working with Glades County, Charter School Associates, SPD, and Seminole Fire Rescue to comply with this new Florida Statute 1013.13.

C. PECS High School Update

1. Survey Data Presented: Survey of all students and parents (elementary and middle school), 71% were in favor of having a high school. We are working on scheduling a community to get feedback on building a high school.

#### D. Unclaimed Property

1. Florida Unclaimed Property website shows that we have \$9089.35 of unclaimed property. Charter School Associates Jeannette Merced is working on retrieving the money on behalf of Pemayetv. She will complete a form and will need a letter signed by one of the board members authorizing her to sign the form on behalf of the school so that we can claim these funds. The board agreed to have Mrs. Merced move forward with claiming the form.

#### E. Portables

1. In 2017, Chairman Osceola signed a lease for (2) portables, which was actually signed by Gaming as opposed to EAO. Alex Rodriguez, the Purchasing Contracts Unit Manager from STOF, would like to clean up the lease and submit it through EAO. The current cost of each portable per month is \$3,620, an increase from the initial agreed-upon price of \$1,483. Rodriguez intends to specify the payment terms and conditions of the lease while also capping the agreement's duration, considering the necessity to retain the portables until the construction of the new building is finalized.

#### VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Larry Howard and seconded by Mariann Billie.

Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27