Independence Classical Academy Governing Board
Board Meeting Minutes
April 29th, 2026 @ 5:00pm – School Cafeteria
2902 S. Jenkins Road Fort Pierce, FL

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Chairman Becton. In attendance were Clay Becton, Marcia Cully, Carlos Frade, Jason Revels, & EDO Sandy Howard. Also in attendance were 18 parents and staff members.

On a MTA by CF and 2nd by MC, the agenda changes to 1. Remove item 3a from the agenda, as the scheduled speaker was unable to attend.

On a MTA by CF and 2nd by JR the approval of the January 28th regular meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: No regular comments on agenda items or otherwise were noted. The board then moved on to the reports.

Mrs. Thomas provided the board with an update on the fundraisers and progress of the marksmanship club (including strong wins my many kids and our coaches at a local tournament and state tournament for those shooting on their 4H team. She reminded the board of the end of year charter trip and banquet, as well. Mrs. Predix gave a brief update on athletics and the sports to date, as well as looking for a basketball coach for 26/27. Director Howard presented the board with updates on facilities (anticipating a June 1st-15th TCO) the modular breakdown, FF&E delivery, and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled for August 3rd. She provided the K-2 data updates with outstanding numbers-we are finally catching up and seeing performance by students in reading and math in the 80th and 90th percentiles! Hopeful for continued experiences with 3rd-5th, as our students beginning with us in kindergarten are slowly matriculating. Financial updates were provided: we plan to end the year with additional revenues over expenditures, though there will be costs for modular removal and site work. Enrollment update included the available seats-most of which at in 7th-11th with the addition of the new building allowing for more sections. This leads to an update on employment and the need to hire additional teachers in all core subject areas, as well as a middle school PE teacher, and potentially another elective teacher. On a MTA by JR and second by MC, the reports were accepted unanimously.

Chairman Becton presented the highlights of the verbiages inside the Athletic policy needing to be updated including the male/female sports, team/individual sports policy on students wanting to play multiple sports during the same season, as well as a conflict resolution policy. Upon a MTA by JR and a 2nd by MC, the 26/27 athletic policy was approved unanimously.

The consent agenda came with the FDOE Attestation of Compliance regarding the Gulf of Mexico and related instructional materials, Final School Start Times Resolution & supporting Compliance Report, 26/27 School-based mental health plan along with hiring of a new counselor, the new format for our Discipline policy and coordinating matrix, as well as the final dress code policy (written as voted on in the January 28th, 2026 Meeting with changes approved by the board). With no questions for the board chair or EDO, the consent agenda was unanimously approved upon a MTA by CF and a 2nd by JR.

Calendar of events was provided to the board.

Good of the Order/Board Comment: Mr Becton reminded the board of the ability to come in regularly and meet with the EDO to discuss items of importance, attend the back-to-school breakfast and ribbon cutting. Mrs. Howard gave handouts to the board on a governance training in the Orlando area that would be beneficial to all. Will put it on the calendar of events at the May meeting as a reminder for RSVP. In addition, a reminder that the 2nd Annual ICA Gala has been scheduled for October 10th, 2026 at the Pelican again. We hope to see a turnout like last year!

With no further comments or concerns by the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49pm. The next meeting is set for May 27th, 2026

Minutes approved at a regularly ~~scheduled~~ board meeting on May 27, 2026

Board Secretary: [signature]

Date: 5-27-26