Burns Sci-Tech Charter School



# Special Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2025 - 6:00 pm Cafeteria

1. Call meeting to order. The Special Meeting was called to order at 6pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Jonathon Glugover, Dr. Roger Thayer, Albert Amalfitano, Suzanne Jarrell, Richard Paczkowski, Adam Owens, Damian Hall.
4. Public Participation. 2 participants spoke on the process of electing of board members.
5. Reports and Discussion/Actions: Cure of Prior Board Vote- April 22 Agenda, Item 6.b.iii.

*(editor’s note – ballot vote of April 22 for an additional year for a board member and adding a new board member was invalid due to lack of transparency.)*

* 1. Mr. Paczkowski stated that there was adequate public notice for the April 29th Special Meeting per Sunshine Law and our Bylaws.
  2. Mr. Glugover shared that both parents and teachers had encouraged him to remain on the board, believing it would be beneficial for the board's continuity.
  3. The term “young board” was mentioned, highlighting challenges in transferring institutional knowledge to newer members.
  4. Members discussed that the current chairman had been asked to remain for an additional year due to activities of 2023.
  5. Members discussed that the board has evolved with the addition of three (3) new members in January 2024 that have contributed positively to the school due to their education and business background.
  6. Members agreed that the presence of experienced members provides valuable mentorship and guidance during transitions.
  7. Discussion on when an additional board member should be elected to avoid a significant number of departures in one year*. (editor’s note: the three (3) board members elected in 2024 will have terms ending June 2030, if all 3 members serve both [2] three- year terms. Another member’s term is ending in June 2026 and another in June 2028. The term(s) for the member just elected will end June 2031, if two 3-year terms are served.)* No decision on adding another board member was made.
  8. It was emphasized that no member should face retaliation regardless of voting results. Members should feel free to reach out to board members, even after departure, for support or assistance.
  9. Clarification was provided on Sunshine Law requirements: votes must be conducted either aloud or via written ballot with voting board member’s names on each ballot along with their vote to ensure transparency.
  10. The additional year vote will be unanimous by ballot with the name of applicant and the name of the board member voting, written on each card in accordance with Sunshine Law and Bylaws.
  11. The new board member vote will be by majority per Bylaws.
  12. Motion for a cure vote per Sunshine Laws by Mr. Paczkowski. 2nd by Mrs. Jarrell. Motion approved.
  13. Motion to commence voting for one additional year for Mr. Glugover by Mrs. Jarrell. 2nd by Mr. Hall. Motion approved.   
      *Roll Call Vote: Mr. Glugover/yes; Dr. Thayer/yes; Mr. Amalfitano/yes; Mr. Paczkowski/yes; Mr. Hall/yes; Mr. Owens/yes; Mrs. Jarrell/no. Mr. Glugover’s term ends June 2025.*
  14. Motion for a cure vote per Sunshine Laws by Mr. Paczkowski. 2nd by Mrs. Jarrell. Motion approved.
  15. Motion to commence voting for new board member by Mr. Glugover. 2nd by Dr. Thayer. Motion approved.

*Roll Call Vote: ALL board members voted for Jamie Sulle as a new board member. (majority & unanimous)*

* 1. Discussion on the need for Board Training on Sunshine Law Compliance. Members agreed on the importance of receiving training on both Sunshine Law compliance and Robert’s Rules of Order to ensure proper board governance and decision-making practices. There was a consensus that a dedicated training session should be scheduled to cover these topics thoroughly. It was suggested that the local Chamber of Commerce and their senior board members could assist in facilitating one of the trainings.

A proposed time for the training was mentioned for July. Also mentioned was a formal Sunshine Law training session to be scheduled for a date in June with the possibility of a board workshop followed by a regular meeting. A discussion was held emphasizing that board meetings should not take place in public venues unless properly noticed and compliant with Sunshine Law requirements. Mr. Paczkowski asked if Mrs. Robinson could lead a session on Sunshine Law compliance, since she is an attorney with knowledge. No decision was made.

1. Public Announcements - Next Regular Board Meeting - June 24, 2025. At 6 pm.
2. Adjournment. 6:57pm.