Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 13, 2025
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Via Zoom
Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84995367875

1.Opening Items:

A. Call to Order/ Welcome 6:38 pm Beckye Barnes, Acting Board Chair

B. Roll Call Ashleigh Dowey, Acting Board Secretary

- a Beckye Barnes- Present
- b Ashleigh Dowey- Present
- c Ashley Anderson- Absent
- d Anne Cheatham-Present
- e James McCall- Absent
- f Allison Leo- Present
- g Janet Robinson- Absent

C. Approval of November 13, 2025, Agenda

- a Motion: Ashleigh Dowey
- b Second: Anne Cheatham

2. Appointed Seat Candidate Interviews:

a. Robin Peterson

i Robin shared her background as a mother of five children, four of whom have IEPs and have attended both public and private schools. Robin mentioned her political strategist background and her experience in lobbying, grassroots advocacy, and financial positioning. Robin described herself as a mixture of a strategist and consensus builder, emphasizing her outside-the-box thinking. She discussed her innovative ideas to strengthen PACE Academy's mission, including building relationships with legislators and like-minded groups. Robin suggested using targeted charter supplements and strengthening the funding model to support high-need, high-performing charters. Robin shared her experience with financial oversight, fundraising, and resource allocation from her campaign management background. She expressed her willingness to be a resource for PACE Academy, even if not chosen for the board, and her passion for school choice.

b. Priscilla Martin

i PACE Academy parent who has a 10-year-old at PACE Academy and two grandchildren attending the school. Renae shared her background in fundraising, management, and logistics from her experience at NCR Corporation. She describes herself as a strategist and consensus builder, emphasizing her ability to argue for both sides of an issue. Renae discussed

her innovative ideas, including bringing in BCBAs and RBTs to assist with learning disabilities and exploring grant opportunities for charter schools. She shared her experience managing budgets and teams at NCR Corporation, highlighting her ability to justify expenses and manage resources effectively. Renae discussed her ideas for strengthening PACE Academy's ties with families, alumni, and the broader community, including workshops and trainings for parents. She emphasized the importance of coordinating with outside organizations to support parents and students.

c. Matthew Cherry- not in attendance due to a family emergency. Will answer interview questions via email.

d. Sarah Miles- Not in attendance due to family emergency.

3. Adjourned at 7:12 pm