



Board Meeting Minutes

True North Classical Academy - Sunset/Dadeland (1000)

True North Classical Academy at Gateway (1024)

True North Classical Academy at Pinecrest (1019)

Thursday, March 5, 2026 ♦ 8:55 AM

9393 Sunset Drive, Room 103 • Miami, FL 33173

Meeting Details

- In person: Sunset Campus (9393 Sunset Drive, Room 103, Miami, FL 33173)

1. Opening Session

A. Call to Order & Roll Call - Meeting was called to order at 8:55 AM

- Board Members Present: Rudy Pages, Pete Windhorst, Ernie Rodriguez
- Others Present: Jose Nodarse, Leandro Gonzalez, Michael Bileca, Paul Powell, Jeanine Finlay

B. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Rudy Pages, Seconded by Pete Windhorst, Approved unanimously.

II. Reports

1. College Counseling Office

- College Application Update
 - 100% Success Rate
 - 777 Applications submitted to 151 colleges.
 - Notable acceptances include Harvard University, Cornell University, University of Notre Dame, University of Michigan, and Villa Nova.
 - True North scholars are two-times more likely to get admitted into a state school.
 - Students earned \$9.7 million in scholarships, with 70% qualifying to Bright Futures.
 - The graduating class also includes 5 National Merit Scholars and 38 College Board Scholars.

- College Fair
 - 81 colleges present
- Scholar Achievements
 - 3 separate signing days.
 - True North Baseball team is ranked #3 in the county
 - Students in competitive clubs are extremely successful. Some notable teams include Model UN, mock trial, and spanish club.
 - True North Classical Academy Junior Class is extremely strong.
 - Several students scored over 1500 in the SAT
- School Visits
 - Students see the benefit of visiting schools and meeting with alumni
- 2. School Progress Report
 - Discussion over the upcoming job fairs
 - Information Session on 3/10
 - Interviews being held on 3/17
- 3. Parent and Faculty Satisfaction
 - Mid-year surveys showed high satisfaction from parents and faculty
 - Sunset had the highest faculty scores from all of the years.
 - Meeting with department heads and administration has been key.
- 4. School Start Time – 1001.42(4)(f)2, F. S.

The board discussed the School Start Time Requirements in section 1001.42(4)(f)2, F.S. The board discussed strategies to comply with the School Start Time Requirements, discussed the impact of implementing the school start time requirements, and identified unintended consequences to the school, students, and the community by implementing the school start time requirements. Mr. Rudy Pages made a motion to maintain the current school times and to comply with 1001.42(4)(f)2, [F.S.by](#) submitting a report to the Florida Department of Education as provided for in the statute. Mr. Pete Windhorst seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Financial Update

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM



Approved by Governing Board

Signed by Luis Diaz, Governing Board Chairperson