

**The Island School Boca Grande, FL  
Board of Directors Minutes  
Emergency Meeting-October 14, 2024**

**Members in Attendance (all via Zoom call):** Christina Reecher, Skip Branin, Donna Lutton, Sharon Cross, Liz Verney

**Guest Attendees:** Christine Oliver, Head of School; Nicole Tillotson-Main, Assistant Head of School; Tom Hofmann, Island School Foundation

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 1:05pm.

This emergency meeting of the Island School Board of Director's was called to address the need to source a temporary location due to the extreme damage The Island School and the community sustained from Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

Ms. Oliver and Ms. Tillotson-Main presented a slideshow demonstrating the damage from water intrusion and sand to the facility. Much of the furniture and bookcases are destroyed. Several of the air conditioning units are not functioning properly and mold is apparent. As of today there is no restoration of power, water or sewer to the island.

Mr. Hofmann stated he would encourage The Island School Foundation Board of Director's to provide financial support to The Island School for hurricane related expenses once an itemized list of such costs could be generated.

Ms. Reecher made a motion to secure a temporary off island facility where the students would be able to resume in person learning while unsafe conditions continue at the Island School in Boca Grande.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Branin. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

The emergency meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

A very heartfelt thank you to Island School staff, Island School parents and students as well as members of the Lee County Library System and community members for their assistance in sandbagging the school and packing up books for safekeeping in advance of the storms.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Lutton, Island School Board Secretary