

**The Island School Boca Grande FL
Board of Directors Minutes
March 6, 2025**

Members in Attendance: Skip Branin, Donna Lutton, Liz Verney, Sharon Cross, Margo Freeman, Lisa Erdekian

Guest Attendees: Christine Oliver, Head of School; Barbara Wilson, Academic Advisor to The Island School; Tom Hofmann, Island School Foundation

The meeting was called to order at 3:40pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Branin to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting (February 13, 2025) as well as the minutes of the Special Meeting (February 26, 2025) and to approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Freeman. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

New Business: Please see below Head of School Report and President's Report.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Branin reported that the finances of The Island School are sound and close to budget.

Head of School Report: Ms. Oliver reported on the following topics:

1. **Safety & Security:** As of March 6, 2025 the State Office of Safe Schools has not conducted their visit to The Island School. We are looking forward to their visit when it occurs.
2. **Wax Museum:** The 2nd grade students research and select a famous person to portray. Each student becomes "alive" as that famous person on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 8:30am at The Island School.
3. **Open Enrollment:** There is a waitlist for FY26 enrollment. A lottery will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 3:30pm at The Island School.
4. **New News:** Construction update: There is a delay in the permitting process due to a change in the design following the hurricanes. The original plan to install drywall on the interior walls was changed to concrete. As a result, revised plans are necessary, and approval from the county's permitting department is required.

President's Report: Mr. Branin reported that The Island School Golf Challenge held in February was the most successful to date. Mr. Branin also thanked all who participated and volunteered for the event.

Public Comments: Mr. Hofmann also thanked everyone who participated in the golf event. Mr. Hofmann advised that there will be a change in The Island School Foundation Administration and Trustees on April 11, 2025

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting (the Annual Meeting) will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 3:30pm at The Island School.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Lutton, Island School Board Secretary