

**The Island School Boca Grande, FL**  
**Board of Directors Minutes**  
**December 11, 2025**

**Members in Attendance:** Lisa Erdekian, Donna Lutton, Sharon Cross, Vicky Winterer, Laurie D'Archangelo, Louise Nadler, Susie Keller; (on Zoom: Skip Branin, Patrick Waterhouse, Linda Allen)

**Guest Attendees:** Christine Oliver, Head of School; Nicole Main, Assistant Head of School; Rick Ganong, Island School Foundation Board

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Erdekian at 3:30pm.

Ms. Winterer made a motion to approve the minutes as written of the previous meeting of November 13, 2025. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cross. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

**New Business:** Ms. Erdekian welcomed incoming Island School Board members Laurie D'Archangelo and Patrick Waterhouse.

Ms. Lutton spoke to the Board about the upcoming Island School Golf Challenge hosted by The Island School Foundation on February 5, 2026. She addressed the need of volunteers for the event and asked for full participation from the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Branin reviewed and reported on the Operating Summary-Expenses Report 07/01/25-11/30/25. The Annual Giving appeal is off to a good start. The finances of The Island School are sound and close to budget.

Mr. Branin made a motion to approve a potential bridge loan from the strategic reserve fund if needed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Winterer. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

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

1. 2026-2027 School Instructional Calendar Approval: The difference between Lee County School's calendar and The Island School's calendar is the start date and end date of school. TIS has an extra 15 minutes added to the school day, giving it 6.9 extra days to allow it to end before Memorial Day. (This includes hurricane make up days). Ms. Erdekian made a motion to approve the proposed calendar for TIS as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nadler. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.
2. School Recognition: Florida Statute 1008.36 (2) provides that The Florida School Recognition Program is created "providing financial awards to public schools that for the 2024-2025 school year: Per Florida Statute 1008.36 (5) School Recognition awards must be used for the following:
  - (a) Nonrecurring bonuses to the faculty & staff
  - (b) Nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment or materials to assist in maintaining and improving student performance; or
  - (c) Temporary personnel for the school to assist in maintaining and improving student performance.Before the funds can be distributed the school will need to have a written narrative plan approved by school staff and SAC (TIS BOD) prior to the Feb. 1 deadline set in Statute.  
The Island School's Proposed Recognition Plan: The funds will be evenly distributed as a nonrecurring bonus to all current staff members. Any remaining funds left over after all bonuses have been paid out will be used to purchase materials and supplies to improve student performance.  
Ms. Lutton made a motion to approve the School's Proposed Recognition Plan as presented. Ms. Keller seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.
3. Ms. Oliver thanked Board members who attended the tarpon painting evening this past

week. The students and parents learned about the importance of mangroves and marine habitat. This event will provide points towards the recognition by The Everglades Foundation of The Island School as a championship school in Everglades conservancy.

**President's Report:** Ms. Erdekian thanked Ms. Cross and Ms. Nadler for coordinating upcoming school events in one place. This list was passed out to all BOD members.

Ms. Erdekian presented Mr. Branin with a gift from the Board of Directors as a thank you for his many years of service to The Island School.

**Public Comment:** None

With no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

The next meeting of The Island School Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 3:30pm at The Island School.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and good health in the New Year.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Lutton, Island School Board Secretary