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Opening

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**“Working with your
Authorizer to get from
Approved to Open!”**

Presented by members of the
Florida Association of Charter School Authorizers (FASCA)

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Agenda

- **COMMUNICATION**
- **GOVERNANCE**
- **FUNDING & FINANCE**
- **DEVELOPMENT**
- **OPERATIONS**
- **SCHOOL OPERATOR TESTIMONIALS**
- **PANEL DISCUSSION**

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Communication



- Understand District rules and expectations
- Create and maintain open lines of communication
- Foster an environment of mutual cooperation

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Governance



- Non-profit corporation
- Transition from a Founding Board to a Governing Board
- Defined organizational structure
- Background Clearance/Screening
- New Applicant and Governance training
- Roles and responsibilities:
 - Governing Board
 - Education Service Provider (ESP)
 - Employees
- Principal search and appointment

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Funding & Finance



- Revised financial projections
- REAL Grants & other fundraising opportunities

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Development



Develop a “realistic” timeline and schedule for opening:

- Implement and/or revise student recruitment plan (marketing and advertising)
- Finalize student enrollment timeline
- Recruit and hire staff
- Formalize academic program
- Procure and finalize all goods and services

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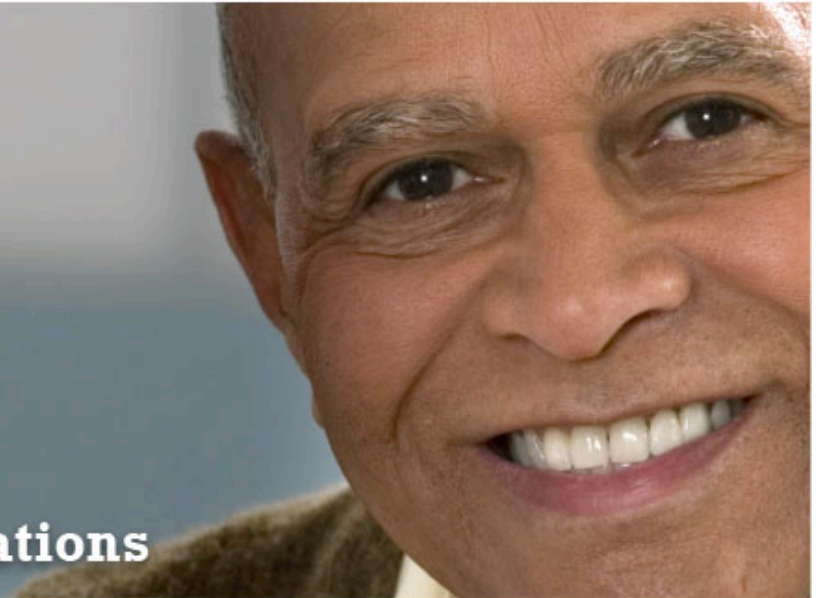
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Operations



- Charter Contract Negotiations (official approval to operate)
- Business and contractual relationships
- Facility identification, preparation and acquisition
(Plan A & Plan B)
- School Policies and Procedures Development (ongoing and continuous)

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Testimonials

Ms. Sonia Lopez

Alpha Charter of Excellence (ACE)

1217 S.W. Fourth Street

Miami, FL 33135

Kindergarten through grade 5

Ms. Zenobia Cann

W.E. Phillips Learning Academy

2506 S. Parsons Avenue

Seffner, FL 33584

Kindergarten through grade 5

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A Panel Discussion

- **Christopher Bernier**
Orange County Public Schools
- **Juanita Edwards**
Palm Beach County School District
- **Jenna Hodgens**
Hillsborough County Public Schools
- **Tiffanie Pauline**
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- **Nancy C. Scowcroft**
Pasco County School District
- **Kia Sweeney Scott**
Orange County Public Schools