



Vision

Empowering students to explore global learning opportunities to promote and enrich their communities and the communities we serve.

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Purpose

Somerset Academy, Inc. promotes a transformational culture that maximizes student achievement and the development of accountable, global learners in a safe and enriching environment that fosters high-quality education.

Meeting of the Board of Directors October 11, 2022

Board of Directors

Todd German (Board Chair / Treasurer) *(Present)*
Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair / Secretary / Parent) *(Present)*
David Concepcion *(Present)*
Dr. Bernard Kimmel *(Present)*
Matthew Cox (Texas) *(Absent)*

Non-Voting Officers

Bernie Montero, President *(Present)*
Suzette Ruiz, Vice-President *(Present)*

Board Counsel

Charles Gibson, Esq. *(Absent)*
Eleni Pantaridis, Esq. *(Present)*

In an effort to allow greater public participation and to best accommodate stakeholders, this meeting was held via communications media technology with physical access sites at each of the individual school campuses throughout Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Duval and Monroe Counties.

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order at 11:02am
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the September 13, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver Assignments for the 2022-2023 school year; further authorizing the Board Chair to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Somerset Island Preparatory Facility Leases:
 - i. 1904 Flagler Avenue Corp. for the facility located at 1904 Flagler Avenue, Michelle's Center for Learning, Key West, FL 33040
 - ii. 1908 Flagler Avenue Corp. for the facility located at 1908 Flagler Avenue, Michelle's Center for Learning, Key West, FL 33040
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trip(s):
 - i. Somerset Academy Middle/High/Arts Conservatory trip to Europe March 17-27, 2023; Grades 7-12; 71 students \$4,094 per person; 13 staff attending; 18 parents attending (see attached for more information)
 - ii. Somerset Preparatory Academy Sunset
 - 1. To: STN convention/Conference
 - 2. Dates: March 14 – 19, 2023
 - 3. Reason- STN Participate in a broadcast journalism convention
 - 4. Grades: 6th & 7th
 - 5. Students Participating: 14
 - 6. Chaperons: 4
 - iii. Somerset Academy Parkland trip to London, Paris and Rome (see attached for more information)
 - iv. Somerset Oaks Academy will be attending STN Convention/Conference
 - 1. Dates: March 14-19, 2023
 - 2. Where: Long Beach, California
 - 3. Who: Students in 6th-8th grade will participate in STN TV production Competition and convention sessions
 - 4. 15 students and 5 chaperones
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Receive & File the CIVICA Facilities Support Services for the period of January - October 2022 for the Somerset Academy schools.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the following School Project(s):
 - i. Somerset Academy North Lauderdale A/C Chiller Coil Replacement for an amount not to exceed \$190,000 as an operating expense (see attached for more info).
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the 2022-2023 Title 1 School-Wide Plans for the individual Broward County schools, as necessary.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. Email from Somerset Academy Pembroke Pines parent regarding Principal Montero
- b. School Updates
 - i. Facility Reports
 - 1. Somerset City Arts (*Idalia Suarez*)
 - a. Victor updates the Board on his meeting with the new landlord; the new people who took over the church want to keep the church; in the process of creating a new lease to present to the Board at a near future Board Meeting. The church has agreed to move their office to a nearby strip mall so free this space for the school.
 - ii. Academic/Data Reports
 - 1. Somerset Academy Eagle Elementary & Middle (*Tunji Williams*)
 - 2. Somerset Academy JFK (*Lisa Santiago*)
 - iii. Others, if necessary
- c. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

5. **Announcements & Notifications**

- a. Reminder: Heat Game Fundraiser for Somerset Inc. on Nov 7. The goal is to sell 600 tickets. Some schools have responded. If anyone still wants to participate, please contact Layda by the end of today's meeting.
- b. Next Board Meeting: November 15th

6. **Adjourned Meeting at 11:29am**