



### *Vision*

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

~

### *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 April 20, 2021

### 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)

### Non-Voting Officers

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

### Board Counsel

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

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

### Agenda

---

#### 1. Opening Exercises

- a. Call to Order
- b. Establish Quorum

#### 2. Public Comment

#### 3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the February 19, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments. **- NONE SUBMITTED TO DATE**
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2020-2021 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools.

- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify Board Chair Approved Revised Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2020-2021 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Teacher Certificate Extension Requests.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to renew the following schools whose charter contracts expires June 30, 2022; further approval to request 15 year terms for the High-Performing Schools, as permitted by Statute.
  - i. Miami-Dade
    - 1. Somerset Academy Charter Elementary School (South Homestead) #0339
    - 2. Somerset Academy Palms #5015
  - ii. Broward
    - 1. Somerset Academy Pompano #5388
  - iii. Palm Beach
    - 1. Somerset Academy JFK Charter School #3395

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

#### 4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
  - i. Discussed a recent podcast that Fernando participated in
  - ii. Discussed the State's recent announcement that masks should be voluntary next school year
  - iii. Discussed the homework assignment and any idea for plans
  - iv. Board Chair provides his cell phone number and encourages the Principals to use it.
  - v. Issued a cease-and-desist notice to a parent.
- b. Financial Report
  - i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Revised Annual Budgets for select schools; further approving the necessary recoverable grants/loans for these schools.  
*Motion to approve by David Concepcion; second by Ana Diaz; motion passed unanimously*
  - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the request for a new playground at Somerset Academy St. Lucie, as presented and attached (approx. cost is \$100k of which 60% would be paid from operating and the remaining 40% from parent donations; this would affect the 21-22 annual budget).  
*Motion to approve by Dr. Kimmel; second by Ana Diaz; motion passed unanimously*
- c. School Updates
  - i. Jefferson (*Cory Oliver*)
    - 1. Discussed the transition plan; charter expires June 30, 2022.
  - ii. Other, if necessary
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board discussed and approved the individual third-party Facility Usage Agreements.
  - i. Discussed the proposed agreements for SoBay and Riverside as each of these the 3<sup>rd</sup> party would like to make campus improvements; these two will be further reviewed and brought back to the Board for future consideration.  
*Motion to approve by David Concepcion; second by Ana Diaz; motion passed unanimously*
- e. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
  - i. Discussed facility issues at Somerset Village; Collette has reached out to the landlord and will follow again if he doesn't respond by the end of the day; Marla discusses one of the major current issues is a broken AC; Board Chair German asks if we are able to fix the issues on our own and deduct from rent payment; Collette responds that the current lease does not allow that, but that can be negotiated in the renewal lease.
    - 1. Discussed issues with the other schools who lease from the Archdiocese.
    - 2. The Board requests an update at the next meeting & directs legal to advise the Archdiocese that rent will be withheld until the issues are resolved.
  - ii. Facility Updates by CIVICA
  - iii. Legislative Updates by Julio Robaina

#### 5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: May 18<sup>th</sup>
- b. Principals are invited to attend a short grants training after today's meeting, which is being provided by Alina Chester.

#### **6. Adjourn Meeting**

The undersigned hereby certified that he/she is an Officer and/or Director of SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC., a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of said corporation.

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on May 24, 2021.