



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 February 19, 2021

Board of Directors

Todd German (Board Chair / Treasurer) *(Present)*
Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair / Secretary /Parent) *(Absent)*
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. *(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.

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the January 21, 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.
- 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 defer the opening of the attached proposed charter schools until the 2022-2023 academic year, and to submit the Notice of Intent to Defer Charter School Opening to the Sponsoring School District.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to extend the individual teacher certification extensions for the individual teachers, as submitted.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by David Concepcion; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Legislative Update by Julio Robaina
 - i. Budget will be the most discussed item; charter school item; cross county funds; charter application submittal timelines; facilities; state-wide fingerprinting; HP charter replication; security; virtual school capabilities; college involvement in teacher re-certification and master plan points.
- b. Financial Report (*Alina Chester*)
 - i. Update on October FTE Funding Discrepancies; the State recently issued a survey requesting information from the charter schools to help determine the funding issue; they are trying to determine where the funds will come from to correct the issue.
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive Title II funds on a reimbursement basis pursuant to Section 1002.33(17)(c), F.S. for all Somerset Academy, Inc. schools, effective the 2021-2022 school year, until further notice.
Motion to approve by David Concepcion; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
- c. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson Update
 - ii. Other, if necessary
 - 1. Board Chair German updates the Board on the schools in Texas and the destruction that all campuses experienced due to recent winter storms.
 - 2. Somerset Island Prep has completed and closed enrollment for next year for the first time ever. Enrollment is at its all-time high in the life of the school.
- d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Board Chair German discusses an article the Kelly will be sharing regarding Jefferson.
 - ii. Board Chair German discusses the lack of events due to the pandemic and the loss of personal connection; he asks everyone to think of a way we can all come together in some sort of event.
 - iii. Congratulations to Kerri Ann on her Blue Ribbon nomination.

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: March 19th – Date to be changed due to some schools being on Spring Break

6. Adjourned 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 April 20, 2021.