



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 November 16, 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) *(Present)*

Non-Voting Officers

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

Board Counsel

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

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, Jefferson and Monroe Counties.

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order at 1:01pm
- b. Established Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the October 14, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver Assignments for the 2021-2022 school year; further authorizing the Board Chair and/or Vice Chair to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission.

- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the necessary revisions to the Individual Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2021-2022 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools, as necessary for the schools located in Miami-Dade County.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the School Wide Plan for Title 1, as necessary for the schools located in Broward County.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the individual Principals the ability to execute all necessary documents / assurances for the ESSER III grant documents.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the loan from Somerset Academy, Inc. to Somerset Academy Arizona for \$180,000 to be repaid in full within 60-90 days.

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
 - i. Discussed: Somerset Canyons Facility Wishlist and possible grades expansion
 - ii. Comments regarding the recent Principal Summit
- b. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson
 - ii. Somerset Village
 - iii. Others, if necessary
 - 1. Need for high school program for Somerset Miramar as Chapel Trail is unable to continue to absorb them.
- c. Financial Report
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Somerset Academy Kendall loan from Somerset Academy, Inc. not to exceed \$180 for facility remodel and FFE. (Victor Barros)
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Annual Budgets.
 - iii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved Referendum Budgets for the schools located in Palm Beach County.
Motion to approve items cii-iii by Dr. Kimmel; second by Ana Diaz; motion passed unanimously
 - iv. Discussed: Miami-Dade Teacher Salaries and last years \$6k increase.
 - 1. The Board would like to see this as an agenda item for next month (for both Dade & Broward).
- d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Strategic Plan Initiatives

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: December 14th

6. Adjourned Meeting at

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 December 14, 2021.