



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 14, 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) *(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, Jefferson and Monroe Counties.

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

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

2. Public Comment

- a. Sandra Guzman – Somerset Parkland parent addresses concerns with the school, including administration, playground, school improvement plan.
- b. Alexandra Rizek – Somerset Parkland parent addresses concerns with the school's security.
- c. Coraly Schreiber – Somerset Parkland parent addresses concerns with the school's COVID policies and school communication and inconsistencies and want for a full-time principal who is not shared.
- d. Katrenia Sharrieff – Somerset Parkland parent addresses concern with the school's transparency, inability to meet with the Principal, lunchroom concerns and parent volunteers.
- e. Daisy Shamy – Somerset Parkland parent addresses concerns with communication, shared Principal, feels there is a lot of chaos, playground, lawn maintenance.

- f. Adam Steinberg – Somerset Parkland parent addresses concerns with a particular teacher, requests Board to review his email that was sent Tuesday evening, has not received a response at the school level, feels school is understaffed in administration.
- g. Natasha Tomlinson – Somerset Wellington parent addresses concerns with communication from teachers, feels office communication is outstanding.

Board Chair German would like to respond to two comments made today; one is that he notes that he immediately responded to Mr. Steinberg and his items are under review; the other is in response to a parent's comment regarding retaliation from speaking today and confirms that in no way will any parent be retaliated in any means.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the September 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.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Receive & File the Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2021.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved revised Parent Involvement Representatives for the necessary schools; further ratifying that if the identified individual is unable to assist in a dispute, the Board has designated the President, Vice President and/or employees of the ESP to assist.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved CIVIA Agreement for Architectural, Engineering and Facilities Support Services from 7/1/2021-7/1/2022.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved for the individual schools to adopt their Sponsor's Threat Assessment Policies and Procedures.

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. Jefferson update by Julio Robaina; preparing for session; will share at the next meeting our legislative priorities.
 - ii. Congratulations to all of the Somerset schools who were named as US News Best Schools; special shout outs to Somerset SoMi and Somerset Miramar for being ranked as US News Best Schools.
 - iii. Congratulations to Somerset Academy Silver Palms for being named a Blue Ribbon School.
- b. Follow up on facility issues at Somerset Academy Village
 - i. Principal Marucci reports that the list of repairs is getting smaller; the Archdiocese has been helpful, but the actual church has not; Board Member Concepcion asks if there were any life safety items on the list; Gema responds that there were never any life safety issues.
- c. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson
 - ii. Others, if necessary
- d. Financial Report
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed & approved to Receive & File the Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Reports for the period ending June 30, 2021.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by David Concepcion; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed & approved to Ratify all Year-End Grants and Loans for the period ending June 30, 2020.

1. Board Member Concepcion inquires about the amount of some of the school loans.
Motion to approve by David Concepcion; second by Ana Diaz; motion passed unanimously

e. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

- i. Special Congratulations to Somerset Academy for their 25 year anniversary.
- ii. Principal Summit upcoming

iii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved (contingent upon COVID travel restrictions) the following out of country field trips for Somerset Academy St. Lucie:

- 1. Japan – 2023
- 2. Portugal and Spain – 2024

Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by David Concepcion; motion passed unanimously

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: November 16th

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 November 16, 2021.