



### *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.

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## **Meeting of the Board of Directors September 13, 2022**

### **Board of Directors**

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

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#### **1. Opening Exercises**

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

#### **2. Public Comment**

- a. Jeff Bradford (via Zoom) – Somerset Parkland Academy Parent discussed the school’s bathroom policy and allowable times when students can go to the bathroom; he also states that his wife is a teacher at the school.
  - i. Board Chair German states that he will have someone reach out. Ms. Mallon request that Mr. Bradford contact her via email and she will put him in contact with the Board’s liaison.

3. **Consent Agenda** *(All items listed with letter designations are considered routine and were enacted by one motion.)*

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the August 30, 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 2022-2023 Active Assailant Response / Stabbing Procedures.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the following school project(s):
  - i. Somerset Central Miramar – Perimeter Front Fencing with Rolling Gate Project for an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to be paid with operating / school hardening funds. *\*All consultations have been through Gema at Civica and 3 proposals received and provided.*
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the 2022-2023 Family Reunification Plan.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the 2022-2023 Parent / Student Handbooks for the individual schools.

*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)*
- b. School Updates
  - i. Facility Reports
    - 1. Somerset City Arts *(Idalia Suarez)*
      - a. Still pending action by the Church regarding the windows; Victor is meeting with the Church on Tuesday and is hopeful there will be a successful outcome.
  - ii. Academic/Data Reports
    - 1. Somerset Academy Eagle Elementary & Middle *(Tunji Williams)*
    - 2. Somerset Academy JFK *(Lisa Santiago)*
    - 3. Somerset Parkland
  - iii. Others, if necessary
    - 1. Somerset Bethany – construction was not complete, so the school had to open in a temporary location and student population had doubled; the internet was not working; Sarah came and helped get everything back up for the school; special thanks to Sarah, Tony and Bonnie.

- c. Announcement & welcome to new Interim Principal of Somerset Academy Skyway, Ms. Deborah Burrows.
- d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
  - i. Board Chair German requests an update from Alina Chester regarding estimated vs. actual enrollment.

**5. Announcements & Notifications**

- a. Next Board Meeting: October 11<sup>th</sup>

**6. Adjourned Meeting at 11:39am**

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 October 11, 2022.

SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC.  
A Florida not-for-profit corporation