



### *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 April 18, 2023**

### **Board of Directors**

Todd German (Board Chair / Treasurer) *(Present)*  
Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair / Secretary / Parent) *(Present)*  
David Concepcion *(Present)*  
Matthew Cox (Texas) *(Present)*

### **Non-Voting Officers**

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

### **Board Counsel**

Charles Gibson, Esq. *(Absent)*  
Eleni Noble Zarbalas, 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. Sabrina Williams – Somerset Academy Charter High (Silver Palms) – Was not present during public comment, so spoke later in the meeting.

## 3. Consent Agenda *(All items listed were enacted by one motion)*

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the March 7, 2023 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 to Ratify the 2023 Annual Report.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the CPI Adjustments to Fixed Rents Under Various Charter School Facility Leases with misc. Landlords.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Resolutions by the Board Chair:
  - i. Approved to authorize the individual Principals (in Palm Beach County) the ability to execute all necessary documents and/or reimbursement requests for Title 1 and UniSIG.
  - ii. Approved to increase the charter school contract student capacity of Somerset Gables Academy to 750 students as a High-Performing Charter School.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Educational Facilities Lease Agreement between Metro Life Worship Center of Miami, Inc. and Somerset Academy, Inc. (for the Somerset Academy Continental Campus).
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Teacher Certificate Extension Requests as submitted.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Individual Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2022-2023 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools in Miami-Dade County.
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Non-Exclusive Space Usage Agreement and License between Somerset Academy, Inc. on behalf of Somerset Academy Bay and B.L.U.E. Missions Group, inc.

*Motion to approve the consent agenda by Ana Diaz; second by David Concepcion; motion passed unanimously*

## 4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair *(Todd German)*
  - i. Speakers continue at Somerset Island Prep and will continue through next year; sessions are also being featured on Colegia.
  - ii. Update on facility lease spreadsheet.
  - iii. Somerset Skyway New Principal

- b. Legislative Update (*Julio Robaina*)
  - i. Capital funding; HB1 bill and funding aspect; cross district funding; consolidation language; artificial enrollment caps enforced by some districts; language to allow all PK students the ability to auto-articulate to Kinder.
- c. Colegia Report (*Antonio Roca*)
- d. Financial Report (*Alina Chester / Ana Martinez*)
  - i. Alina updates on the individual budget meetings with the Principals; met with Somerset Wellington yesterday and the topic of strategic planning and how to grow the high school; been comparing staff costs since pre-pandemic to current; discussed ESSER fund grants; discussed social studies book adoptions and options.
- e. School Updates
  - i. Academic/Data Reports
    - 1. Somerset Academy Eagle Elementary & Middle (*Tunji Williams*)
    - 2. Somerset Academy JFK (*Lisa Santiago*)
    - 3. Somerset Arizona (*Bernie, Victor, Marla*)
    - 4. Somerset Academy Texas (*Cory Oliver*)
  - ii. Others, if necessary
- f. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
  - i. Sabrina Williams – Somerset Academy Charter High (Silver Palms) – addressed the Board with concerns regarding her daughter who attends the school. Board Chair German states the matter will be looked into and addressed.

## 5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: May 16<sup>th</sup> at Somerset Academy SoHO Middle High
- b. Immediately after today's meeting, please join us as we host Somerset Academy Pines for the Amazing Shake Competition.
  - i. First time since 2018 that the students have been able attend a meeting in person. 8 students from Somerset Pines are here today to compete and board will judge them based on the rubrics we provide. The top 4 students from that round move onto the final round where we then crown our champion. There will be 4 teams of 2 students and they will each share one of four things that make our school unique, they will then be able to answer questions from the board.

## 6. Adjourned Meeting at 12:00pm

*Signature Sheet Attached*

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 16, 2023.

SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC.

A Florida not-for-profit corporation