



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 March 7, 2023

Board of Directors

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

Non-Voting Officers

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

Board Counsel

Charles Gibson, Esq. *(Present)*
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

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order at 11:05am
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment - None

3. Consent Agenda – All items under the consent agenda were approved under one motion.

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the February 14, 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. Title 1
 - i. **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.
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Title 1 Funds for the 2023-2024 School Year for necessary schools in Palm Beach County.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Referendum Plans for schools located in Palm Beach County.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved / ratified the following school project(s):
 - i. Somerset St Lucie A/C repairs in the amount of \$28,534 (*brings the cash surplus from \$140k to \$111k*).
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trip(s):
 - i. Somerset Academy Lakes - Washington D.C. for Safety Patrol
 - ii. Somerset Academy Middle School, High School. Arts Conservatory
 - 1. July 11- 20, 2023 – Greece/Italy
 - 2. June 2 - 14, 2024 - England/Germany/France
 - 3. March 15 - 26, 2024 - Australia/New Zealand/Fiji
 - iii. Somerset Academy Gables – Washington D.C.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Resolution(s) by the Board Chair:
 - i. Approved to submit the charter school contract amendment requests for the 2023-2024 school year.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Premium Services Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year for the individual schools in Broward County, as necessary.
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive and file the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2022.

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. Somerset Island Prep Keynote Speakers
 - ii. Upcoming Retreat; RSVP required by today
 - iii. Facility Lease & Maintenance Spreadsheet Update; there are 2 leases in question if they will be renewed that are being closely monitored.

- b. Legislative Update (*Julio Robaina*)
 - i. Discussed school vouchers
- c. Financial Report (*Alina Chester / Ana Martinez*)
 - i. Ongoing budget meetings for the upcoming school year; maintenance projections; use of grant funds vs. operating funds; dual enrollment funds.
 - ii. Discussed mid-year financials
- d. School Updates
 - i. Academic/Data Reports
 - 1. Somerset Academy Eagle Elementary & Middle (*Tunji Williams*)
 - a. Adri discussed
 - 2. Somerset Academy JFK (*Lisa Santiago*)
 - ii. Others, if necessary
 - 1. Somerset Arizona (*Bernie, Victor, Marla, Ladya*)
 - a. Somerset Florida assistance; importance of having the right leader.
- e. School Shout-Out!
 - i. SoMi Middle will be offering dual enrollment college courses to our **7th and 8th graders** next school year!! - Ceci Guilarte
 - ii. Somerset Academy Chapel Trail – Bernie Montero
 - 1. We have 2 **National Merit Scholarship Program** Letter of Commendation recipients.
 - 2. **Wrestlers** earned Runner-Up at the Wrestling State Championship, had 2 Individual State Champions, and 6 State Placers
 - 3. **JV Pantherettes** are the new Contest of Champions JV Division National Champions
 - 4. **Varsity Pantherettes** are the new Contest of Champions National Grand Champions and Medium Division National Champions
 - 5. **DECA** Chapter competed in the Business State Competition and advanced 3 teams to the DECA International Competition.
 - 6. **Varsity Winter Guard** won the WGI Tampa Open Class Regional
 - 7. Our **Key Club** received the David S. McCampbell Outstanding Key Club Award as they earned the most service ours in the district. Also for the 2nd time, we have a Key Club State Lieutenant Governor on the Florida District Board, Sadhana Tanksali
 - iii. Somerset Prep Sunset – TV Production Success
- f. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Antonio Roca updates on Colegia

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: April 18th at Somerset Academy Wellington

6. Adjourn Meeting at 12:10pm

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 April 18, 2023.

SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC.

A Florida not-for-profit corporation