



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 July 11, 2023

Board of Directors

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

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order at 11:03am
- b. Established a Quorum

2. **Public Comment** - None

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

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the June 13, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the following School Projects:
 - i. Somerset Academy SoHo Middle/High Painting Project for an amount not to exceed \$70,000.
 - ii. Somerset Academy Chapel Trail Turf Project for an amount not to exceed \$140,000.
 - iii. Somerset Academy Key Portable Repair Project for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the 2023-2024 Referendum Plans for the individual schools located in Palm Beach County.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Civica Agreement for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Matt Cox; second by David Concepcion; motion passed unanimously

4. **Action & Discussion Items**

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. Digital Security Presentation by Mario Eirea & Michael Hernandez
 1. Invited to the meeting by the Chair due to recent hacking events in other school districts
- b. Executive Report by the President & Vice-President (*Bernie Montero & Suzette Ruiz*)
 - i. Data update; Sarah will report deeper on this.
 - ii. NSLP trainings upcoming
- c. 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
 1. Congrats to Tunji and Lisa for coming off the list!!
 2. Data Report by Sarah Fye; discussed the lack of using learning gains this year; discussed desire for Somerset to become a High Performing network and how each school can help each other to achieve this.
- d. Financial Report
 - i. Accounting is currently closing the books for audit purposes; update on capital outlay funding.
- e. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Somerset SoHo Elem needs to replace their modular floors; Board Chair German advises her to continue with the project and the Board can ratify it at the next meeting.

- ii. Somerset Academy Key Facility Lease is currently on a month to month

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: August 8th

6. Adjourned Meeting at 11:52am

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 August 8, 2023.

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