



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 January 14, 2025

Board of Directors

Todd German (Board Chair / Treasurer) *(Present)*
Ana Mendez (Vice-Chair / Secretary) *(Present)*
David Concepcion *(Present)*
Matthew Cox *(Absent)*
Taylor Smith *(Present)*

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 11:00am
- b. Established a Quorum

2. **Public Comment** – *None*

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 December 17, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field, ESOL and/or Gifted Waiver Assignments or Endorsements for the 2024-2025 school year; further authorizing the Board Chair and/or Vice-Chair authority to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission (including any necessary additions).
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the School Projects / Purchases:
 - i. Somerset Career Academy purchase of 2 buses for the 25-26 school year for an amount not to exceed \$320,000 to be paid with CMO grant funds.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive & file the quarterly financials for the period ending September 30, 2024.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify Resolutions by the Board Chair:
 - i. Approved the Quarter 2 Referendum Reports and the Updated SY25 Referendum Plans for the individual schools located in Palm Beach County.

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

4. **Action & Discussion Items**

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to appoint Rebecca (Becky) Pavich as the Principal for Somerset Academy Avenir.
Motion to approve by Ana Mendez; second by David Concepcion; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. Reminder to Principals to use auditors if you are conducting an enrollment lottery per new board policy.
 - iii. Requests to look at our school scores more in-depth at the next meeting to determine who is not on track to get an A or B.
- b. Executive Report by the President & Vice-President (*Bernie Montero & Suzette Ruiz*)
 - i. Campus visits to the St. Lucie schools were very nice and impressive.
- c. ESP Report
 - i. Legislative & Facilities (*Julio Robaina*)
 1. Somerset City Arts purchase
 2. Somerset Key
 3. Somerset Prep @ JCC
 4. Somerset Continental
 - ii. Colegia (*Antonio Roca*)
- d. Update: Purchase and Sale Agreement between Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Miami, Inc. and Somerset Academy, Inc. (*Julio Robaina / Charles Gibson*)
 - i. Somerset City Arts site; agreement has been submitted to the church and is under their review.

- e. Financial Report
 - i. Discussed – Tutoring and use of supplements as an allowable referendum expense
- f. School Updates
 - i. Academic/Data Reports
 - 1. Somerset Academy Eagle (*Tunji Williams*)
 - 2. Somerset Academy Wellington High School (*Elizabeth Sauri*)
 - 3. Others, if necessary
- g. iReady Presentation – Introduction by Sarah Fye
- h. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: February 11th at Chapel Trail
- b. Math Bowl: Saturday, February 22nd at Somerset Academy Pompano

6. Adjourned Meeting at 12:26pm

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on February 11, 2025.