



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 13, 2026

Board of Directors

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

Non-Voting Officers

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

Board Counsel

Charles Gibson, Esq.
Eleni Noble Zarbalas, Esq.

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 11:02am
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Special welcome to members of the public joining us today

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 12, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive & file the Financial Statements for the quarter ending September 30, 2025.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field and/or ESOL and/or Gifted Waiver Assignments for the 2025-2026 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).
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the revised Title 1 Budgets, as necessary.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Ana Mendez; second by Taylor Smith; motion passed unanimously

4. **Action & Discussion Items**

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. National tax credit
 - ii. Signing bonus
- b. Executive Report by the President & Vice-President (*Bernie Montero & Suzette Ruiz*)
 - i. CMO update
 - ii. Somerset Key update by Dennis Mulrooney
 - iii. New schools report
- c. Financial Report
 - i. General updates; no action required today.
- d. Approval of School Purchase and/or Projects:
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Somerset Prep Academy Homestead Elementary New Construction Project for \$1.8M (to be paid by operating/possibly CMO grant).
Motion to approve by Ana Mendez; second by Taylor Smith; motion passed unanimously
- e. ESP Report
 - i. Legislative & Facilities
 - ii. Colegia
- f. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

5. **Announcements & Notifications**

- a. Next Board Meeting: February 17th at Somerset College Preparatory Academy South High School (19701 SW 127 Avenue, Miami, FL 33177 | Host Principal – Joel Mesa)

6. **Adjourned Meeting at 11:37am**

*The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on February 17, 2026.