



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 August 17, 2021

Board of Directors

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

Non-Voting Officers

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

Board Counsel

Charles Gibson, Esq. *(Present)*
Eleni Pantaridis, Esq. *(Absent)*

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, Jefferson and Monroe Counties.

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the July 13, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify Resolutions by the Chair:
 - i. Approved the Amendment: Somerset Island Preparatory (#0382) hereby requests to increase enrollment to 100 students effective the 2021-2022 school year, and add 1904 Flagler Avenue, Key West, FL 33040, as an additional educational facility.

- ii. Approved the Board Policy regarding Involuntary Examinations (attached). Per Senate Bill 590, each charter school governing board is required to adopt a policy and procedures for parent/guardian notification prior to the removal of a minor student for an involuntary examination. This policy will address and comply with SB 590 and amended Section 1002.33(9)(q), Florida Statutes.
 - iii. Approved to submit a request to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to defer the opening of Somerset Academy Palms Performing Arts Academy (pka Somerset Academy Silver Palms Performing Arts Academy) (WL# 7554) for one year.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Title 1 Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2021-2022 School Year for the individual and eligible schools; further approving them to be executed by either the Board Chair or Vice-Chair.
 - d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments.
 - e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the following School Project/Purchase Request(s):
 - i. Somerset Academy Lakes Bus Purchase for approx. \$9,000.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair
- b. Follow up on facility issues with the Archdiocese located schools.
 - i. Progress has been made; there are some pending items which still need to be completed.
 - ii. The Board asks for each Principal of an Archdiocese campus to compile a list of pending projects / needs and address with Gema and Collette.
- c. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson – Transition update; DOE is involved; staffing concerns due to transition; COVID update; sending 10-15 students home per day.
 - ii. Las Palmas – There is a new Principal, Shannon Curran; enrollment update
 - iii. Others, if necessary
 - 1. Somerset Eagle – Enrollment is at 598; schools has a waitlist for the first time ever.
- d. Update on Executive Order 21-175 & District Policies
 - i. Read letter dated August 13 from the FLDOE addressed to charter schools regarding mask mandates.
 - ii. Board Member Diaz
 - iii. Board Member Concepcion
 - iv. Discussed employee leave policies and establishment of a committee
 - v. Discussed \$200 Vaccine
- e. Discussion on ADP coverage for employee matters (*Charles Gibson / Collette Papa / Amy Nunez*)
- f. IRS penalty is a result of paper filing 1099's (*Ana Martinez / Christina Perdomo*)
- g. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: September 14th

6. Adjourn Meeting

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 September 14, 2021.