



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 December 14, 2021

Board of Directors

Todd German (Board Chair / Treasurer) *(Present)*
Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair / Secretary /Parent) *(Present)*
David Concepcion
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. *(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, Jefferson and Monroe Counties.

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order at 11:08am
- b. Established Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the November 16, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver Assignments for the 2021-2022 school year; further authorizing the Board Chair and/or Vice Chair to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission.

- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the necessary revisions to the Individual Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2021-2022 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools, as necessary for the schools located in Miami-Dade County.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plans (PFEP) for the individual schools located in Broward County.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the revision to Professional Development Plan for Administrators Policy (included in the Board Policies and Procedures Manual) to remove the reference “FCAT”, per directive by MDPCS at the recent ARC.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trip(s):
 - i. Somerset Oaks
 - 1. National Convention and Competition for STN (Student Television Network)
 - 2. February 18-21, 2022 in Long Beach, California
 - 3. 12 students to compete
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the request for two-year extension of teacher temporary certificate.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the individual Principals the ability to execute all necessary documents / assurances for all ESSER grant documents.

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. Announcement of Superintendent Carvalho leaving Miami-Dade
- b. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson
 - 1. March 1st estimated transition date
 - ii. Somerset Village
 - iii. Others, if necessary
- c. Financial Report
 - i. None
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Somerset Academy Prep Homestead Auditorium Project (seating and curtains only at this time) for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
 - i. Will add approx. 100 additional student seating
 - ii. Landlord work is moving forward

Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved Somerset Academy City Art’s request to have a student intern from MAST to intern with our school nurse. Her placement to intern next semester requires board approval.

Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
- f. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: January 11th

6. Adjourned Meeting at 11:48am

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 January 11, 2022.