



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 18, 2020

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)*

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

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

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the July 27, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to submit the 2019-2020 Annual Audits by their individual district due dates with review and approval by the Board Chair.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Re-Opening Plans for each district.

- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of Field Waiver Assignments for the 2020-2021 school year for the following schools:
- i. Miami-Dade
 - 1. Somerset Academy South Miami Elementary & Middle Schools #2007 & #6053
 - 2. Somerset Academy Palms #5015
 - 3. Somerset Academy Silver Palms at Princeton #4012
 - 4. Somerset Academy Prep #5002
 - 5. Somerset Academy Prep Homestead Campus #0754, #6046, #7242
 - ii. Broward
 - 1. Somerset Academy Riverside Elementary & Middle Schools #5387 & #5419
 - 2. Somerset Academy Parkland #5056
 - iii. Palm Beach
 - 1. Somerset Academy Canyons Middle & High Schools #4012 & #4013
 - 2. Somerset Academy Wellington #4031
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Approval of the Somerset Academy Bethany Facility Lease; further Approving to Receive and File the Independent Market Rental Rate Survey Report. (New St. Lucie Campus | Principal Erika Rains)
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised / Final 2019-2020 Annual Budget for Somerset Academy Lakes #4091 (Palm Beach County | Principal Clint Duvo)
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Landlord Refinancing Documents, including Estoppel Agreements, SNDA, and Management Company Subordination Agreement.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Contractual Agreement for Inter-County Transfer of Exceptional Students with Leon County Public Schools and Somerset Academy (Jefferson).
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Chair the ability to work with the Principals and Budget Analyst to create and submit the Teacher Salary Increase Plans once the deadline is announced; the Board shall ratify the plans at the next board meeting.

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Report on Covid-19 and School Re-Openings
- i. Update by Principals Rains and Roach on their campus re-openings in St. Lucie
 - ii. District Status on Re-Opening (for informational purposes)
 - 1. Duval - School starts August 20th either brick and mortar or hybrid as follows:
 - a. Elementary – choice of Brick & Mortar or Remote Learning
 - b. Middle – choice of Hybrid Model – students will attend school 3 or 4 days a week at their assigned school;
 - c. Remote Learning – students enroll in the school's full-time innovative distance learning option
 - 2. Palm Beach – starting virtual only on Aug. 31. The original reopening plan was mostly accepted but their plan to re-evaluating metrics every two weeks and bring back grades staggered across those periods was rejected. The district changed that part of the plan has re-submitted a plan to the state for approval for reopening all schools and all grades one week after the state approves the county to move into Phase 2.
 - 3. Broward - School starts August 19th through virtual learning; investigating feasibility of implementing a “pilot” program to provide on-campus experience for most vulnerable students; bi-weekly district to revisit decision ; when a 14-day favorable trend is observed in 4 categories (disease progression, ability to manage spread, health system capacity adequacy of district safeguards) within the tri-county area, district will begin transitioning its learning model; district will provide 2 weeks notice to the community before transitioning to a new phase of operations; online delivery models will remain in

- pace to afford families continued expanded access to service and support; when pandemic over – district will combine the best of on-campus experiences with flexibility of virtual access
4. Miami-Dade – Pushed opening date from 8/24 to 8/31 (our schools kept 8/24 opening date); will open remotely with a target date of October 5th to resume on campus classes.
 5. Monroe – Wednesday, August 19th – Tom started RLI on August 13th awaiting health department to open in person; Grades 6-12 will use an A/B day schedule to reduce numbers; student attend every other day; virtual asynchronous work on alternating days.
- iii. Somerset Schools General Updates on Re-Opening
 1. Maggie Zulueta discusses how some of the schools that are offering 100% RLI are offering in-person PK and also bringing some Kinder classes in, whether for orientation type or in staggered groups; all schools doing so will be following CDC guidelines. Principal Guilarte states that she is bringing kinder in in staggered sessions.
 2. Principal Morales asks if they can offer sports at this time.
- b. Somerset Academy “Quail Roost” Site (*Charles Gibson*)
 - i. Future Home of Suzette Ruiz’ Somerset Academy Middle School (existing) and High School (new); this site is currently the Somerset Academy Dade Annex in an existing building; the middle and high will be new construction, so there is not a Roof or HVAC Report.
 - ii. Lease Summary Review
 - iii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Facility Lease with 990 Building, LLC (for a multi-phase charter school facility located at 19701 SW 127th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33177); further Approving to Receive and File the Independent Market Rental Rate Survey Report.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
 - c. Report by Doral College
 - i. Doral College Presentation: Education Bachelor’s Program sponsorships (*Lourdes Isla*)
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Receive the Education Bachelor’s Program Promissory Note Template Documents. (*Ryan Kairalla*)
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
 - d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: September 18, 2020 at 10am

6. Adjourned 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 18, 2020.