



### *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.

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## Meeting of the Board of Directors January 21, 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. *(Absent)*  
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

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#### 1. **Opening Exercises**

- a. Meeting called to order
- b. Established a Quorum

#### 2. **Public Comment**

- a. None

#### 3. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the December 11, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments.

- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the Board Chair to submit any necessary amendment requests by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to ratify the Spring Education Plans for each district/school.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2020-2021 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the School Improvement Plans for the Individual Schools, as necessary.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved and ratified all Temporary Extension of Certificate Requests as a result of COVID-19, as necessary.

*Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously*

#### 4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Financial Report
  - i. Update on FEFP and ESSER funding; October FTE funding based on projections vs. actual; trying to correct with the State.; current budgets do not reflect these amounts.
  - ii. Update on FEMA Applications
- b. School Updates
  - i. Jefferson – Discussed struggling students return to campus.
  - ii. Other, if necessary
- c. Facility Report by CIVICA
  - i. Somerset Academy Facilities Support Services for the period of June – December 2020 (*Report provided for Board & Staff Review*)
  - ii. New and Expansion Facility Updates
    - 1. Zoning for Silver Palms High School expansion of folios (to include future football field)
    - 2. Somerset College Prep St. Lucie Phase 3 to bring to 1500 cap and new gymnasium; project nearing completion.
- d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
  - i. Board Member Kimmel invites Chuck Shaw to address the Board at this time. Mr. Shaw discusses his experience at JFK and the past crisis of the school; the former management company said that they would no longer fund the school, which resulted in the hospital ceasing their funding, as well; the hospital owned the school, which they still wanted to collect on. He states that at some point, Academica got involved and “literally saved it” so that it wouldn’t close; he offers a special thanks and appreciation.
  - ii. Board Chair German discusses a recent visit to Escambia County regarding a middle school which is soon to be closed by the State, unless picked up by a charter operator.
  - iii. Colegia Update provided by Antonio Roca; including new apps, programs, online application tracking.

#### 5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: February 19<sup>th</sup>

#### 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 February 19, 2021.

SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC.  
A Florida not-for-profit corporation