



Vision

Empowering students to explore global learning opportunities to promote and enrich their communities and the communities we serve.

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.

Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors September 18, 2020 10:00 am EST

Board of Directors

Todd German (Board Chair / Treasurer) *(Present)*
Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair / Secretary /Parent) *(Present)*
David Concepcion *(Absent)*
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)*

***Due to COVID-19 and Executive Order by Office of the Governor of the State of Florida,
this meeting is being held solely via communications media technology.*

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Congratulations to the 2020 i-Ready Distinguished Schools for Remote Learning Success
 - i. Somerset Academy Lakes (Principal Clint Duvo)
 - ii. Somerset Academy Middle School (Principal Bernie Montero)
 - iii. Somerset Academy JFK (Principal Sharon Hench)
 - iv. Somerset Academy Pines (Principal Donna Kaye)
 - v. Somerset Academy East Prep (Principal Mary Stuart)
 - vi. Somerset Academy Gables (Principal Suzette Ruiz)
 - vii. Somerset Academy Dade (Principal Suzette Ruiz)

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the August 18, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of Field Waiver Assignments for the 2020-2021 school year for the schools who submitted. <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/m3spt4x0yoxjz25/AADVhqRiREBrdsGvWX4HzpYQa?dl=0>
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Individual Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2020-2021 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools; further authorize the Vice-Chair the authority to execute for submission.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Accept the Annual Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Teacher Salary Increase Plans for the Palm Beach County Schools.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair and Academic Advisor to the Board) the ability to execute all academic / education items and deliverables due to the individual sponsors, including but not limited to Out of Field Waivers, Employee Contracts, School Improvement Plans, Title 1 Budgets, etc...

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Ana Diaz; second by Matt Cox; motion passed unanimously

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Report on Covid-19 and School Re-Openings
 - i. Update on school re-openings by school who currently have students on campus.
 1. Discussed: Best practices, technology hurdles, truancy,
 - ii. Updates on school re-opening plans by those schools planning to bring students back on campus in the near future.
- b. Discussion on preventive measures in place to protect our students from cross contamination (*Dr. Kimmel*)
- c. Nevada Fees (*Board Chair German*)
 - i. Due to Covid, the funding in Nevada has been decreased significantly. Somerset Nevada is asking for reduction in network fees for \$80k for one year.
 1. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the \$80,000 reduction in Nevada Affiliation fees for the 20-21 school year.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
- d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Update on PandaDoc (*Michael Hernandez*)
 - ii. Discussed Duval Enrollment; 7 shy of budgeted count
 - iii. Colegio update by Antonio Roca

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: October 16, 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 October 16, 2020.