



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 May 19, 2026

Board of Directors

Todd German (Board Chair / Treasurer) *(Present)*
Ana Mendez (Vice-Chair / Secretary) *(Present)*
David Concepcion *(Present)*
Brian Matthew (Matt) Cox *(Present)*
Taylor Smith *(Absent)*

Non-Voting Officers

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

Board Counsel

Charles Gibson, Esq. *(Present)*
Eleni Noble Zarbalas, 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 and Monroe Counties.

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order at 11:02am
- b. Established a Quorum

- c. Special welcome to members of the public joining us today

2. **Public Comment** - *None*

3. **Consent Agenda** - *All items listed with letter designations are considered routine and were enacted by one motion.*

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the April 14, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive & file the Financial Statements for the quarter ending March 31, 2026.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Adoption of the Wellness Policy.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Somerset City Arts Lease Addendum with Somerset Academy Foundation which corrects the lease rate.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the School Purchases/Projects:
 - i. Somerset Academy Village Corridor Stairs Tile Project for an amount not to exceed \$181,000 (to be paid by operating). (*Principal Patricia Boiteux*)
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify Resolutions by the Board Chair:
 - i. Approved the 2025-2026 Sales Tax Expenditure Plan for the individual schools located in Palm Beach County; further approving to authorize the principal to approve and submit updated plans and quarterly reports as necessary.
- g. Facility Leases:
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to enter into a Usage Agreement with City of Hialeah Educational Academy, Inc. for CIVICA Academy South Homestead to be housed at Somerset Academy South Homestead.
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with Country Holdings, LLC for the facility located at 12425 SW 248th Street, Miami, Florida (Somerset Academy Charter High School #7042).
 - iii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Ground Lease with Country Palm Holdings III LLC for the facility located at 12425 SW 248th Street, Miami, Florida (Somerset Academy Charter High School #7042).
 - iv. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Somerset Prep at the Kendall JCC Lease amendment approval (subject to final legal review), including Turf project not to exceed \$280,000 and Bathroom project not to exceed 200,000 (both school expenses - updated from previous Board approval).
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State/Country Field Trips:
 - i. Somerset Academy College Prep trip to New York
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Mental Health Plans.

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
- b. Executive Report by the President & Vice-President (*Bernie Montero & Suzette Ruiz*)
 - i. Shout out to schools with accomplishments
- c. Financial Report
 - i. Budget meetings are ongoing; private school impacts; the Board requests to further discuss private options at a future meeting.
- d. ESP Report
 - i. Legislative Report (*Julio Robaina*)
 1. Many budget items still pending which will result in several summer sessions.
 - ii. Somerset Key Update (*Dennis Mulrooney*)
 1. School officially relocating to Riverside; Majority of staff have been placed; continuing to work with students on their placement, as well.
 - iii. New Schools Updates (*Danny Diaz/Marla Devitt/Frankie Mestre*)
 1. Working on a private school to open in Duval (City Card site); also have a charter application for this site.
 2. Charter application in Texas
 - iv. Private Schools Update (*Antonio Roca/Lina Sierra*)
 - v. Colegia
- e. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Somerset UWF Facility Lease (*Antonio Roca*)
 1. Land lease to place modulars temporarily, located across from the future site.
 - ii. Key West Lease Agreement – the lease is now owned by a Foundation as the owner passed away; this needs to be completed quickly as the building needs to be torn down on the last day of school to make timelines; Julio assures that he and Arlene are very actively working on this item.

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: June 15th at 1:00pm in Key West
- b. High School Graduations (*per the requested survey*)
 - i. Somerset Academy Wellington High School (*Elizabeth Sauri*) – May 16th
 - ii. Somerset Academy Canyons High (*George Groezinger*) – May 16th
 - iii. Somerset Academy South Homestead (*Waki Soberon*) – May 19th
 - iv. Somerset Prep Academy Homestead (*Jessica Mesa*) – May 21st
 - v. Somerset College Prep (*Erika Rains*) – May 23rd
 - vi. Somerset College Preparatory Academy South (*Joel Mesa*) – May 29th
 - vii. High School (*Dennis Mulrooney*) - May 29th
 - viii. Somerset Academy Miramar High School (*Athena Guillen*) – June 2nd Somerset Academy Key
 - ix. Somerset Academy #5221/Somerset Arts Conservatory #5396 (*Bernie Montero*) – June 4th

6. Adjourned Meeting at 12:04pm by unanimous vote

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on June 16, 2026.