



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 July 19, 2022

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)*

In an effort to allow greater public participation and to best accommodate stakeholders, this meeting is being 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 2:00pm
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the June 16, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Teacher Certification Extension Request(s).
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Resolutions by the Board Chair:
 - i. Approved the attached Parent Reunification Plan (as required by House Bill 802) and Involuntary Examinations Policy and Procedures (Senate Bill 590); further approving to adopt the following policies of The School Board of Broward County for all Somerset Academy, Inc. schools located in Broward County:
 - Behavior Threat Assessment (BTA) trainings and intervention services (per Section 1006.07(7), Florida Statutes)
 - Parent right to access school safety discipline incident (per Section 1006.07(9), Florida Statutes)
 - Timely parent notification of threats, unlawful acts or significant emergencies (per Section 1006.07(4) and (7), Florida Statutes)
 - School Safety Requirements and Monitoring (per Rule 6A-1.0018, Florida Administrative Code); Safe School Officer - must be assigned to a school facility for extracurricular activities and for school-sponsored events.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the following School Projects:
 - i. Somerest Academy East Prep Signage Proposal for approx. \$12,000.
 - ii. Somerset Academy Pines School Hardening Project for an amount not to exceed \$50,000
 - iii. Somerset Academy Pompano School Hardening Project for an amount not to exceed \$30,000
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Somerset Academy Bethany Satellite Campus Facility Lease.

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. Legislative Update by Julio Robaina
- b. School Updates
 - i. Somerset City Arts (*Idalia Suarez*)
 - ii. Others, if necessary

- c. School Grade Report by Vice-Chair, Ana Diaz
 - i. Requests all B and C schools to get together and discuss with each other to brainstorm on plans for all schools to become A schools.
 - ii. Discusses a separate plan for all D schools; all D schools will all be on the agenda for monthly updates.
 - iii. For Somerset Eagle that received an F, Victor states that he and Bernie will be in Jacksonville tomorrow to review their action plan.
 - iv. Recognized the newly distinguished High-Performing Schools
- d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Special thanks to Rolando for his recent assistance in Key West in helping to obtain a \$1M donation to the school.

5. **Announcements & Notifications**

- a. First Day of School
 - i. August 1st – Arizona
 - ii. August 10th - Monroe, Palm Beach, St. Lucie & Nevada
 - iii. August 15th – Duval
 - iv. August 16th – Broward
 - v. August 17th – Miami-Dade
- b. Next Board Meeting: August 23rd

6. **Adjourned Meeting at 3:06pm**

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 August 23, 2022.