



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 February 14, 2023

Board of Directors

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

Non-Voting Officers

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

Board Counsel

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

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order at 11:03am
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the January 17, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver Assignments for the 2022-2023 school year; further authorizing the Board Chair to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trip(s):
 - i. Somerset Academy Oaks
 1. Elementary robotics team was invited to participate in Nationals this year. You only get an initiation if you win an award in a regional competition. The students will compete in the 2023 Create US Open Robotics Championship VEX IQ Elementary Division is March 27th-March 29th. Students will be traveling to Council Bluffs, Iowa. Our plan is to leave on March 26th through March 30th.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to ratify the following School Project(s):
 - i. Somerset Academy Village Playground Temp Funding
 1. This project is being 100% funded by our local Kiwanis Club here in Wilton Manors. For liability purposes, they will be writing us the check, not directly to the company. To begin the project, we need to pay 50% of the installation fee only, \$4,634.50, but the amount will be returned to us from Kiwanis.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised 2022-2023 Title 1 School-Wide Plans for the individual Broward County schools, as necessary.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Teacher Certificate Extension Requests.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Resolutions by the Board Chair:
 - i. Approved to amend the name of Somerset Academy JFK Charter School (WL#3995) to “Somerset Academy, The Dr. Bernard Kimmel Campus”. Further acknowledging that the campus will be referred to unofficially as “Somerset Academy DBK”.
 - ii. Approved the Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments for:
 1. Somerset Academy Silver Palms #0332
 2. Somerset Academy Silver Palms at Princeton #4012
 3. Somerset Academy Charter High #7042
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Board Chair’s approval to release payment for portable A/C units for \$75,000 at Somerset Academy Miramar (the A/C will be replaced over the summer; this is a temporary fix).

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Ana Diaz; second by David Concepcion; motion passed unanimously

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. Discusses how Principal Rompella brings in special guests to the schools on Fridays for special talks with the students; guests range from tight rope walkers to entrepreneurs.

- ii. Discusses the need for a spreadsheet with every school's lease information, including lease term end dates and any renewal options; Board Chair German would also like the roof and a/c life estimates. This item is requested to be on the next agenda (draft form is acceptable).
- b. School Updates
 - i. Facility Reports
 - 1. Somerset City Arts (*Idalia Suarez*) – Principal Suarez reports that all is good and this school can be removed from future agendas.
 - ii. Academic/Data Reports
 - 1. Somerset Academy Eagle Elementary & Middle (*Tunji Williams*)
 - 2. Somerset Academy JFK (*Lisa Santiago*)
 - iii. Others, if necessary
- c. FTE Audit Review & Presentation (*Kerri Ann O'Sullivan*)
 - i. Principal O'Sullivan reviews the audit review process and provides detailed information on what items were reviewed.
- d. School Shout-Out!
 - i. Somerset Academy Oaks (*Idalia Suarez*)
 - 1. Our students competed in the State “The Future City Competition” held in Saint Petersburg, FL this past Saturday (01.20.23). Having the small bus is a game changer allowing us to address what has been a barrier in the past by now providing transportation to these great experiences.
 - a. Best National Project Plan: Team that demonstrates a strong understanding of Project Management (PM) concepts and application of PM knowledge. Made it to the Finals round and won 4th Best in the State of Florida.
 - b. People's Choice Award (State Award): *Given to the most popular team as selected by students at the final Tampa Bay competition.*
 - c. Most Sustainable Design (State Award): *Given to the team that has a sustainable infrastructure design (water delivery systems, transportation, and wastewater treatment) that meets the community's current needs while preserving the environment and taking future population growth into consideration.*
 - ii. Attention Principals, do you have any exciting news or events that you would like to showcase? Please send to Kelly so we can put you on the agenda!
- e. Report by Sarah Fye
 - i. 2023 Battle of the Books: April 11-12
 - 1. Registration will be sent out this week
 - ii. 21st CCLC site visits – the state has been coming to our schools and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive
 - iii. Great Florida Teach In - Great opportunity for us to recruit educators, interview and hire staff for next year
 - iv. StandOut - Cohort 1 – we've added schools in who requested their schools to StandOut
 - v. Mid-year Data - We're reviewing our mid-year data and will be setting up data chats with our principals in the coming weeks
 - vi. Math Bowl
- f. Legislative Update (*Julio Robaina*)
- g. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive Title II funds on a reimbursement basis pursuant to Section 1002.33(17)(c), F.S. for all Somerset Academy, Inc. schools in Broward County, effective the 2023-2024 school year, until further notice.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by David Concepcion; motion passed unanimously

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: March 7th at Somerset Academy Village
- b. Spelling Bee at Somerset Bay on Saturday, March 11
- c. Somerset Academy Oaks and City Arts Leadership Day
 - i. Our schools are excited to host our Leadership Day at both Somerset City Arts and Somerset Oaks Academy (invitations attached). We would like to extend the invitation to our governing board, Academica and colleagues. We look forward to seeing you at either event.
 1. Somerset Oaks Academy Leadership Day, *February 22, 2022, from 8:30 AM-12:30 1000 Old Dixie Highway, Homestead FL 33030*
 2. Somerset City Arts Leadership Day, *February 28th, 2022, from 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM 47 NW 16th Street, Homestead FL 33030*
 3. See attached for RSVP instructions
- d. Upcoming network retreat

6. Adjourned Meeting at 11:45am

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 March 7, 2023.

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