



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 October 10, 2023

Board of Directors

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

Non-Voting Officers

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

Board Counsel

Charles Gibson, Esq. *(Absent)*
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 11:00am
- b. Established a Quorum

2. **Public Comment** – *None*

3. **Consent Agenda** (*All items listed were enacted by one motion*)

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the September 12, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field and/or ESOL Waiver Assignments for the 2023-2024 school year; further reminding Principals to ensure all proper parent notification letters are sent and filed as required.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Individual Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms / Title 1 Budgets for the 2023-2024 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Plans.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Equipment Surplus / Disposition Declaration form for Somerset Academy Davie.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trips:
 - i. Somerset Prep Homestead College Tour (Itinerary attached)
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to ratify the updated 2023-2024 Referendum Plans and approved the Quarter 1 Referendum Reports for the schools located in Palm Beach County.

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

4. **Action & Discussion Items**

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. Discussed public speakers in person only as recently passed in Texas
 - ii. Formal announcement of Geyley's reinstatement as Principal at Somerset Parkland; special thanks to Meg for her role during this past year.
 - iii. Legislative Report by Julio Robaina
 - iv. Tabled: Canary Islands; it is noted that Shannon Curan is not on the call today.
 - v. Recently we have had 4 major human resource issues; these incidents are so diverse and require a lot of involvement and departments; if ever a school undergoes an incident it is best practice to call Amy; if PR help is needed Adri should be contacted as well; discussed coverage provided by ADP.
- b. Executive Report by the President & Vice-President (*Bernie Montero & Suzette Ruiz*)
 - i. Discussed a recent tragedy that occurred in Nevada and sending all of our love and support to the school and families.
 - ii. Evaluation update
- c. School Updates
 - i. Academic/Data Reports
 - 1. Somerset Arizona (*Diana Jones*)
 - 2. Somerset Academy Texas (*Cory Oliver*)
 - ii. Others, if necessary

- d. Financial Report (*Alina Chester & Ana Martinez*)
 - i. Palm Beach Referendum Update
 - ii. Revised budgets should be presented at the next meeting as next week is the official FTE week.
- e. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Collette discusses the need to update and implement a universal field trip form as the currently uses forms only offer permission and do not include a waiver.

5. **Announcements & Notifications**

- a. Next Board Meeting: November 7th (Physical location TBA in Miami-Dade County. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Kelly).

6. **Adjourned Meeting at 12:04pm**

The undersigned hereby certifies 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 November 7, 2023.

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