



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.

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors September 28, 2023

Board of Directors

Todd German (Board Chair / Treasurer) *(Present)*
Ana (Diaz) 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. *(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 11:03am
- b. Established a Quorum

2. **Public Comment** – None

3. **Action & Discussion Items**

a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)

i. Discuss & Action: Reinstatement of Geyler Castro as Principal of Somerset Parkland Academy #5056.

1. Report by Board Counsel, Charles Gibson
2. Acknowledgement of Ms. Campbell as Interim Principal.
3. A statement / letter to parents will be prepared if reinstated.
4. President Bernie Montero supports her reinstatement.
5. Board Member Concepcion asks when the last poll was taken from the families on their opinion on Geyler's return; Geyler states that there has not been an official poll; parents have asked when she is returning; Meg states that there have been some opposed, but they are the few; Bernie also states that parents have asked him when she will return and feels that most parents are in support.
6. Discussed potential media interest.
7. The settlement agreement requires 2-year monitoring/probation.
8. Board Member Concepcion suggests getting ADP's recommendation with regard to monitoring.

ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the reinstatement of Geyler Castro as Principal of Somerset Parkland Academy #5056, in accordance with compliance of the settlement agreement.

Motion to approve by Ana (Diaz) Mendez; second by David Concepcion

Roll Call

Ana (Diaz) Mendez - Yay

David Concepcion - Yay

Matthew Cox - Yay

Taylor Smith - Yay

Todd German - Yay

Motion passed unanimously.

- iii. Special thanks to Interim Principal Meg Campbell; Meg congratulates Geyler on her return and states she is very happy; she states that she has known Geyler for 13 years and thinks very highly of her.
- iv. Geyler thanks the Board and staff for all of their support during this extremely difficult time.

b. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

4. **Adjourned Meeting at 12:15pm**

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