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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 27, 2020

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)*

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the June 24, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Student Enrollment / Lottery Policy.
 - i. The current policy states that we will give enrollment preference to the "v. Children of an active duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces." However, the federal guidelines (which apply to active CSP grant recipients) don't allow that as a preference. The policy needs to be revised to state that this preference will not be given to schools with active CSP grants.

- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Title 1 Budgets, as applicable.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the New & Extended Out of Field Waivers for the following schools:
 - i. Somerset Academy Preparatory North Lauderdale #5003 & #5006 (new and extended waivers presented)
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Pay for Performance Plans.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify all Mental Health Plans; further approving to ratify the approval for the schools who chose to opt-in to their district's plan, the ability to do so.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Somerset Academy Jefferson 2020-2021 Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar.

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. School Re-Opening Plans for the 2020-2021 School Year (*Julio Robaina*)
 - i. Board Chair German states that the next board meeting will be in person.
 - ii. Julio Robaina discusses the plan that was submitted in South Florida tied the in-person opening to the re-opening phase; would like to consider amending this to provide more flexibility to open; Board Member Diaz states that she is always in favor of more choice; Dr. Kimmel states that he is very supportive of re-opening in person learning; several Principals announce their agreement with having the flexibility and do not feel they should push back the opening dates; Antonio Roca states that Colegio is ready to go; classrooms are actively having the new technology installed.
 - iii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to submit amended Innovative Re-Opening Plans to allow more flexibility on the re-opening of the school and not tie the physical opening to the Re-Opening Phase as designated by the State of Florida.
Motion to accept the proposal to get more flexibility by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
 - iv. Discussed individual districts
 - 1. Palm Beach – The district pushed back their opening from 8/10 until 8/31 with the plan to only offer distance learning.
 - 2. St. Lucie – The district pushed back their opening from 8/10 until 8/24. Principal Rains would like to open as planned and not push back the date. Principal Roach would like to push back the opening date along with the district. Discussed whether the decision should be made county by county or by school. Board Chair German and Board Member Kimmel support letting each school make their own decision and allow Principal Rains to open with the 3 choices on 8/10; Board Member Diaz suggest offering a preliminary go-ahead, but would like the ability to stay closed closer to the 10th; Principal Rains states that she can inform parents that the plan is to open, but if deemed necessary to change the plan closer to the 10th due to safety that is a possibility; Board Member Cox asks what data would change the opening; it is stated that phases and positivity counts will be monitored; he further states that he does not want to tell a school that they have to open if they are not ready; Board Chair German directs the 3 schools to open on 8/10 offering all 3 learning options to parents.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Somerset Academy Bay Demolition Project (Lones Residence).
 - i. This is the house that is located on the Somerset Bay; waiting for a 3rd bid.
 - ii. Charles Gibson requests to review the final contract
Motion to approve the lowest bid by Ana Diaz; second by Matt Cox; motion passed unanimously
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Lease Agreement with Parkland School Property, LLC for the new Somerset Academy Parkland school.
 - i. Charles Gibson reviews the lease terms and independent lease analysis. The site is new construction, so there is not a HVAC or roof report.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Matt Cox; motion passed unanimously
- d. Somerset SoHo Elementary Bathroom Project Request for Approval (*Layda Morales*)
- e. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Tabled: Nevada

- ii. Copier Contracts – Victor discusses the copier agreements; the decision to go with Ricoh for all copier needs has been made; requesting approval for final review of contract and execution
- iii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to enter into an agreement with Ricoh for copy machine needs.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Matt Cox; motion passed unanimously
- iv. Update on Jacksonville – School signage went up, but it didn't look right, so it's being corrected as we speak; 473 students have applied; goal is 500+.
- v. Update on Somerset Wellington – Goal is to triple enrollment from last year; data shows that the school would have received an "A" if the students had tested.

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: August 14, 2020 at 10am

6. Adjourned Meeting

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The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on August 18, 2020.



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Meeting of the Board of Directors August 18, 2020

Board of Directors

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David Concepcion
Dr. Bernard Kimmel *(Present)*
Matthew Cox (Texas) *(Present)*

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Board Counsel

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Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the July 27, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to submit the 2019-2020 Annual Audits by their individual district due dates with review and approval by the Board Chair.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Re-Opening Plans for each district.

- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of Field Waiver Assignments for the 2020-2021 school year for the following schools:
- i. Miami-Dade
 - 1. Somerset Academy South Miami Elementary & Middle Schools #2007 & #6053
 - 2. Somerset Academy Palms #5015
 - 3. Somerset Academy Silver Palms at Princeton #4012
 - 4. Somerset Academy Prep #5002
 - 5. Somerset Academy Prep Homestead Campus #0754, #6046, #7242
 - ii. Broward
 - 1. Somerset Academy Riverside Elementary & Middle Schools #5387 & #5419
 - 2. Somerset Academy Parkland #5056
 - iii. Palm Beach
 - 1. Somerset Academy Canyons Middle & High Schools #4012 & #4013
 - 2. Somerset Academy Wellington #4031
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Approval of the Somerset Academy Bethany Facility Lease; further Approving to Receive and File the Independent Market Rental Rate Survey Report. (New St. Lucie Campus | Principal Erika Rains)
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised / Final 2019-2020 Annual Budget for Somerset Academy Lakes #4091 (Palm Beach County | Principal Clint Duvo)
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Landlord Refinancing Documents, including Estoppel Agreements, SNDA, and Management Company Subordination Agreement.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Contractual Agreement for Inter-County Transfer of Exceptional Students with Leon County Public Schools and Somerset Academy (Jefferson).
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Chair the ability to work with the Principals and Budget Analyst to create and submit the Teacher Salary Increase Plans once the deadline is announced; the Board shall ratify the plans at the next board meeting.

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Report on Covid-19 and School Re-Openings
- i. Update by Principals Rains and Roach on their campus re-openings in St. Lucie
 - ii. District Status on Re-Opening (for informational purposes)
 - 1. Duval - School starts August 20th either brick and mortar or hybrid as follows:
 - a. Elementary – choice of Brick & Mortar or Remote Learning
 - b. Middle – choice of Hybrid Model – students will attend school 3 or 4 days a week at their assigned school;
 - c. Remote Learning – students enroll in the school's full-time innovative distance learning option
 - 2. Palm Beach – starting virtual only on Aug. 31. The original reopening plan was mostly accepted but their plan to re-evaluating metrics every two weeks and bring back grades staggered across those periods was rejected. The district changed that part of the plan has re-submitted a plan to the state for approval for reopening all schools and all grades one week after the state approves the county to move into Phase 2.
 - 3. Broward - School starts August 19th through virtual learning; investigating feasibility of implementing a “pilot” program to provide on-campus experience for most vulnerable students; bi-weekly district to revisit decision ; when a 14-day favorable trend is observed in 4 categories (disease progression, ability to manage spread, health system capacity adequacy of district safeguards) within the tri-county area, district will begin transitioning its learning model; district will provide 2 weeks notice to the community before transitioning to a new phase of operations; online delivery models will remain in

- pace to afford families continued expanded access to service and support; when pandemic over – district will combine the best of on-campus experiences with flexibility of virtual access
4. Miami-Dade – Pushed opening date from 8/24 to 8/31 (our schools kept 8/24 opening date); will open remotely with a target date of October 5th to resume on campus classes.
 5. Monroe – Wednesday, August 19th – Tom started RLI on August 13th awaiting health department to open in person; Grades 6-12 will use an A/B day schedule to reduce numbers; student attend every other day; virtual asynchronous work on alternating days.
- iii. Somerset Schools General Updates on Re-Opening
 1. Maggie Zulueta discusses how some of the schools that are offering 100% RLI are offering in-person PK and also bringing some Kinder classes in, whether for orientation type or in staggered groups; all schools doing so will be following CDC guidelines. Principal Guilarte states that she is bringing kinder in in staggered sessions.
 2. Principal Morales asks if they can offer sports at this time.
 - b. Somerset Academy “Quail Roost” Site (*Charles Gibson*)
 - i. Future Home of Suzette Ruiz’ Somerset Academy Middle School (existing) and High School (new); this site is currently the Somerset Academy Dade Annex in an existing building; the middle and high will be new construction, so there is not a Roof or HVAC Report.
 - ii. Lease Summary Review
 - iii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Facility Lease with 990 Building, LLC (for a multi-phase charter school facility located at 19701 SW 127th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33177); further Approving to Receive and File the Independent Market Rental Rate Survey Report.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
 - c. Report by Doral College
 - i. Doral College Presentation: Education Bachelor’s Program sponsorships (*Lourdes Isla*)
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Receive the Education Bachelor’s Program Promissory Note Template Documents. (*Ryan Kairalla*)
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
 - d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: September 18, 2020 at 10am

6. Adjourned Meeting

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Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors September 18, 2020 10:00 am EST

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)*

***Due to COVID-19 and Executive Order by Office of the Governor of the State of Florida,
this meeting is being held solely via communications media technology.*

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Congratulations to the 2020 i-Ready Distinguished Schools for Remote Learning Success
 - i. Somerset Academy Lakes (Principal Clint Duvo)
 - ii. Somerset Academy Middle School (Principal Bernie Montero)
 - iii. Somerset Academy JFK (Principal Sharon Hensch)
 - iv. Somerset Academy Pines (Principal Donna Kaye)
 - v. Somerset Academy East Prep (Principal Mary Stuart)
 - vi. Somerset Academy Gables (Principal Suzette Ruiz)
 - vii. Somerset Academy Dade (Principal Suzette Ruiz)

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the August 18, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of Field Waiver Assignments for the 2020-2021 school year for the schools who submitted. <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/m3spt4x0yoxjz25/AADVhqRiREBrdsGvWX4HzpYQa?dl=0>
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Individual Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2020-2021 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools; further authorize the Vice-Chair the authority to execute for submission.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Accept the Annual Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Teacher Salary Increase Plans for the Palm Beach County Schools.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair and Academic Advisor to the Board) the ability to execute all academic / education items and deliverables due to the individual sponsors, including but not limited to Out of Field Waivers, Employee Contracts, School Improvement Plans, Title 1 Budgets, etc...

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Report on Covid-19 and School Re-Openings
 - i. Update on school re-openings by school who currently have students on campus.
 1. Discussed: Best practices, technology hurdles, truancy,
 - ii. Updates on school re-opening plans by those schools planning to bring students back on campus in the near future.
- b. Discussion on preventive measures in place to protect our students from cross contamination (*Dr. Kimmel*)
- c. Nevada Fees (*Board Chair German*)
 - i. Due to Covid, the funding in Nevada has been decreased significantly. Somerset Nevada is asking for reduction in network fees for \$80k for one year.
 1. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the \$80,000 reduction in Nevada Affiliation fees for the 20-21 school year.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
- d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Update on PandaDoc (*Michael Hernandez*)
 - ii. Discussed Duval Enrollment; 7 shy of budgeted count
 - iii. Colegio update by Antonio Roca

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: October 16, 2020 at 10am

6. Adjourned Meeting

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Meeting of the Board of Directors October 16, 2020

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

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Board Counsel

Charles Gibson, Esq. *(Present)*
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Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Review of Email from a Parent at SoHo Elementary *(attached)*

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the September 18, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.

- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments.

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Updates by Academica and Colegia (*Julio Robaina & Antonio Roca*)
- b. Financial Report
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed & approved to Receive & File the Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Reports for the period ending June 30, 2020. (*Ana Martinez*)
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed & approved to Ratify all Year-End Grants and Loans for the period ending June 30, 2020. (*Ana Martinez*)
 - iii. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed & approved the Revised Financial Policies and Procedures. (*Ana Martinez*)
 - iv. 1st Week of School Reported FTE vs. Originally Budgeted (*Alina Chester*)
 - v. General Budget Updates (*Alina Chester*)
- c. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. General updates by Principal Williams, Principal Oliver, Principal Sauri

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: November 13th

6. Adjourn Meeting

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Meeting of the Board of Directors November 13, 2020

Board of Directors

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David Concepcion *(Present)*
Dr. Bernard Kimmel *(Present)*
Matthew Cox (Texas) *(Present)*

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Board Counsel

Charles Gibson, Esq. *(Present)*
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throughout Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Duval, Jefferson and Monroe Counties.*

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Special Congratulations to Alex Prieto and Kim Guilarte for being honored today as National Blue Ribbon School Award Winners.
- d. Special welcome to the new Superintendent of Jefferson County
- e. Reminder that Principals must report all COVID cases or issues to Kelly Mallon or Julio Robaina.

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the October 16, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify all Teacher Salary Increase Plans as submitted in each district.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Temporary Extension of Certificate: Kelly Campbell at Somerset Academy SoHo
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Title 1 Budgets for the school located in Miami-Dade.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Title 1 Schoolwide Plans for the schools located in Broward County.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the School Improvement Plans for the individual schools, as necessary.

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Updates by Academica and Colegia (*Julio Robaina & Antonio Roca*)
 - i. Update on contact tracing; discussed the offering of virtual education in the Spring is still pending at the state level.
 - ii. Update on Colegia health screening regarding international travel; persons who say they have traveled internationally will be cleared to go to school, however the school will receive a notice of the travel to determine next steps; general updates.
 - iii. Discussed a Colegia Resolution which allows the Board to formally adopt Colegia.
- b. Financial Report
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Revised 2020-2021 Annual Budgets.
 - 1. 2500 overall student increase in 2019-2020
 - 2. Discussed St. Lucie budgets; College Prep has a deficit due to the ongoing construction; Alina states that the 5 year budgets look good.

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

- c. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: December 11th

6. Adjourn Meeting

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Meeting of the Board of Directors December 11, 2020

Board of Directors

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Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair / Secretary / Parent) *(Present)*
David Concepcion *(Present)*
Dr. Bernard Kimmel *(Present)*
Matthew Cox (Texas) *(Absent)*

Non-Voting Officers

Bernie Montero, President *(Present)*
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Board Counsel

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1. Opening Exercises

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- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the November 13, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Title 1 Schoolwide Plans (Broward County).

- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the 2020-2021 Teacher Salary Schedule for Broward County.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Somerset Academy Pines Flooring Project for an amount not to exceed \$25,000; approval is contingent upon receipt of two additional quotes.
 - i. 4 classrooms
 - ii. Savings janitorial would cover the cost for the floors.
- f. Pulled for Action: Approval to Ratify the Board Chair's Authorization the Agreement for Professional Services with Ford Engineers for the Somerset Academy Oaks Project (Project Cost \$54,000).
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Colegia Resolution, including the Colegia Software Agreement. (Item was originally discussed at the November Board Meeting)

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Updates by Academica and Colegia (*Julio Robaina & Antonio Roca*)
 - i. Discussed the new Executive Order; draft of Spring Plan has been created and will be shared later today; a plan will be submitted per district.
 - ii. Jefferson updates and future transition
 - iii. iReady Report – Improvements reflected
 - iv. Working with Zoom on necessary updates
- b. Report on attendance, percentage of D and Fs and ESE (*Bernie Montero*)
- c. Financial Report
 - i. There were no financial items at this time.
- d. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson
 - ii. Duval – The Board requested to have Duval removed from future school updates at this time.
 - iii. Other, if necessary
- e. Website & App Presentation (*Michael Hernandez*)
- f. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Agreement for Professional Services with Ford Engineers for the Somerset Academy Oaks Project (Project Cost \$54,000) and further approve to move forward on the project, contingent upon confirmation from Miami-Dade County that the sewer is still available.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by David Concepcion; motion passed unanimously

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: January 15th

6. Adjourned Meeting

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Meeting of the Board of Directors January 21, 2021

Board of Directors

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Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair / Secretary /Parent) *(Present)*
David Concepcion *(Present)*
Dr. Bernard Kimmel *(Present)*
Matthew Cox (Texas) *(Present)*

Non-Voting Officers

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1. Opening Exercises

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- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the December 11, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments.

- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the Board Chair to submit any necessary amendment requests by the March 1st deadline.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to ratify the Spring Education Plans for each district/school.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2020-2021 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the School Improvement Plans for the Individual Schools, as necessary.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved and ratified all Temporary Extension of Certificate Requests as a result of COVID-19, as necessary.

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Financial Report
 - i. Update on FEFP and ESSER funding; October FTE funding based on projections vs. actual; trying to correct with the State.; current budgets do not reflect these amounts.
 - ii. Update on FEMA Applications
- b. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson – Discussed struggling students return to campus.
 - ii. Other, if necessary
- c. Facility Report by CIVICA
 - i. Somerset Academy Facilities Support Services for the period of June – December 2020 (*Report provided for Board & Staff Review*)
 - ii. New and Expansion Facility Updates
 - 1. Zoning for Silver Palms High School expansion of folios (to include future football field)
 - 2. Somerset College Prep St. Lucie Phase 3 to bring to 1500 cap and new gymnasium; project nearing completion.
- d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Board Member Kimmel invites Chuck Shaw to address the Board at this time. Mr. Shaw discusses his experience at JFK and the past crisis of the school; the former management company said that they would no longer fund the school, which resulted in the hospital ceasing their funding, as well; the hospital owned the school, which they still wanted to collect on. He states that at some point, Academica got involved and “literally saved it” so that it wouldn’t close; he offers a special thanks and appreciation.
 - ii. Board Chair German discusses a recent visit to Escambia County regarding a middle school which is soon to be closed by the State, unless picked up by a charter operator.
 - iii. Colegio Update provided by Antonio Roca; including new apps, programs, online application tracking.

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: February 19th

6. Adjourned Meeting

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The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on February 19, 2021.

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Meeting of the Board of Directors February 19, 2021

Board of Directors

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

Non-Voting Officers

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

Board Counsel

Charles Gibson, Esq. *(Present)*
Eleni Pantaridis, Esq. *(Present)*

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throughout Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Duval, Jefferson and Monroe Counties.*

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the January 21, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2020-2021 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools.

- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to defer the opening of the attached proposed charter schools until the 2022-2023 academic year, and to submit the Notice of Intent to Defer Charter School Opening to the Sponsoring School District.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to extend the individual teacher certification extensions for the individual teachers, as submitted.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by David Concepcion; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Legislative Update by Julio Robaina
 - i. Budget will be the most discussed item; charter school item; cross county funds; charter application submittal timelines; facilities; state-wide fingerprinting; HP charter replication; security; virtual school capabilities; college involvement in teacher re-certification and master plan points.
- b. Financial Report (*Alina Chester*)
 - i. Update on October FTE Funding Discrepancies; the State recently issued a survey requesting information from the charter schools to help determine the funding issue; they are trying to determine where the funds will come from to correct the issue.
 - ii. **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, effective the 2021-2022 school year, until further notice.
Motion to approve by David Concepcion; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
- c. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson Update
 - ii. Other, if necessary
 - 1. Board Chair German updates the Board on the schools in Texas and the destruction that all campuses experienced due to recent winter storms.
 - 2. Somerset Island Prep has completed and closed enrollment for next year for the first time ever. Enrollment is at its all-time high in the life of the school.
- d. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Board Chair German discusses an article the Kelly will be sharing regarding Jefferson.
 - ii. Board Chair German discusses the lack of events due to the pandemic and the loss of personal connection; he asks everyone to think of a way we can all come together in some sort of event.
 - iii. Congratulations to Kerri Ann on her Blue Ribbon nomination.

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: March 19th – Date to be changed due to some schools being on Spring Break

6. Adjourned Meeting

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Meeting of the Board of Directors April 20, 2021

Board of Directors

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

Non-Voting Officers

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

Board Counsel

Charles Gibson, Esq. *(Present)*
Eleni Pantaridis, Esq. *(Present)*

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Agenda

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Call to Order
- b. Establish Quorum

2. Public Comment

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the February 19, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments. **- NONE SUBMITTED TO DATE**
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2020-2021 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools.

- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify Board Chair Approved Revised Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2020-2021 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Teacher Certificate Extension Requests.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to renew the following schools whose charter contracts expires June 30, 2022; further approval to request 15 year terms for the High-Performing Schools, as permitted by Statute.
 - i. Miami-Dade
 - 1. Somerset Academy Charter Elementary School (South Homestead) #0339
 - 2. Somerset Academy Palms #5015
 - ii. Broward
 - 1. Somerset Academy Pompano #5388
 - iii. Palm Beach
 - 1. Somerset Academy JFK Charter School #3395

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

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. Discussed a recent podcast that Fernando participated in
 - ii. Discussed the State's recent announcement that masks should be voluntary next school year
 - iii. Discussed the homework assignment and any idea for plans
 - iv. Board Chair provides his cell phone number and encourages the Principals to use it.
 - v. Issued a cease-and-desist notice to a parent.
- b. Financial Report
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Revised Annual Budgets for select schools; further approving the necessary recoverable grants/loans for these schools.
Motion to approve by David Concepcion; second by Ana Diaz; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the request for a new playground at Somerset Academy St. Lucie, as presented and attached (approx. cost is \$100k of which 60% would be paid from operating and the remaining 40% from parent donations; this would affect the 21-22 annual budget).
Motion to approve by Dr. Kimmel; second by Ana Diaz; motion passed unanimously
- c. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson (*Cory Oliver*)
 - 1. Discussed the transition plan; charter expires June 30, 2022.
 - ii. Other, if necessary
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board discussed and approved the individual third-party Facility Usage Agreements.
 - i. Discussed the proposed agreements for SoBay and Riverside as each of these the 3rd party would like to make campus improvements; these two will be further reviewed and brought back to the Board for future consideration.
Motion to approve by David Concepcion; second by Ana Diaz; motion passed unanimously
- e. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Discussed facility issues at Somerset Village; Collette has reached out to the landlord and will follow again if he doesn't respond by the end of the day; Marla discusses one of the major current issues is a broken AC; Board Chair German asks if we are able to fix the issues on our own and deduct from rent payment; Collette responds that the current lease does not allow that, but that can be negotiated in the renewal lease.
 - 1. Discussed issues with the other schools who lease from the Archdiocese.
 - 2. The Board requests an update at the next meeting & directs legal to advise the Archdiocese that rent will be withheld until the issues are resolved.
 - ii. Facility Updates by CIVICA
 - iii. Legislative Updates by Julio Robaina

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: May 18th
- b. Principals are invited to attend a short grants training after today's meeting, which is being provided by Alina Chester.

6. Adjourn Meeting

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Meeting of the Board of Directors May 24, 2021

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.
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Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the April 20, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. Item Pulled: Approval of Resolutions: Out of Field Waiver(s) for Instructional Personnel with Out of Field Assignments.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2020-2021 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools, as necessary.

- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Articulation Agreements for:
 - i. St. Lucie
 - 1. Articulation Agreement from Somerset Academy Bethany to Somerset College Preparatory Academy.
 - ii. Miami-Dade
 - 1. Articulation Agreement from Somerset Academy Palms to Somerset Academy Palms Performing Arts Academy.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the following Board Chair Approved Resolutions:
 - i. Amend the name on the approved charter school application from “Somerset Academy Silver Palms Performing Arts Academy” to “Somerset Academy Palms Performing Arts Academy”.
 - ii. Confirmation of Board Members
 - iii. Approval to name Adriana Diaz as the Parent Involvement Representative for Somerset Academy Palms Performing Arts Academy.
 - iv. Approval of Revised Title 1 Budget for Somerset Academy Oaks.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved Teacher Certification Extension Request.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved for Somerset Canyons to apply for Regions Bank Visa credit card, use of which shall be limited to bus-related expenses such as fuel, toll fees, and repairs and maintenance.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the following School Projects:
 - i. Somerset Academy Boca’s Playground Project for an amount not to exceed \$85,000. (*Principal Daniel Shourds*)
 - ii. Somerset Academy Central Playground Project for an amount not to exceed \$150,000. (*Principal Athena Guillen*)
 - iii. Somerset Academy Prep Sunset Classroom Renovation Project for an amount not to exceed \$120,000. (*Principal Angie Nunez*)
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the Board Chair the ability to retain a FLDOE approved vendor(s) to comply with Alyssa’s Alert Law.
- j. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Receive & File the Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2021.

d. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. Happy to be present in Jacksonville today; the turnaround of the school is something to be proud of; Principal Williams gives the Board updates on the school year and the new building; an opportunity has presented to purchase the property next door; another party has expressed interest in purchasing and building a high school, so the landlord has offered the property to Somerset; still some room to grow on the current property; board and staff discuss and are interested in possibly pursuing this.
- b. Tabled: Follow up on facility issues with the Archdiocese located schools.
- c. Tabled: Follow up on tabled third-party Facility Usage Agreements for SoBay and Riverside.
 - i. Additional information is needed; would like to table until the next meeting.
- d. Items for Discussion
 - i. 3rd Grade Retention Policy – Board needs to adopt its own policy
 - ii. Summer School Issue – Seeking further clarification
 - iii. Handbook Updates / Requirements – Seeking further clarification; will circulate some sample policies / language.
- e. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson (*Cory Oliver*)
 - ii. Somerset Academy Palms Performing Arts Academy was recently approved by CRC and is expected to be approved by the School Board at its June meeting; this is a high school to be located on the existing Somerset Academy Palms Campus (Sunset and 120th Ave. in Miami-Dade).

- iii. President Montero updates the Board on new Principal position interviews; these will be presented at the June Board Meeting for formal Board approval.
- iv. Board Chair German discusses a recent cease and desist which was issued to a parent.
- f. Doral Leadership Report
 - i. Professional Development Title 2 MOU Agreement
 - 1. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the President Montero the ability to negotiate and execute the MOU with DLI.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Matt Cox; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. Innovate 2021
- g. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP
 - i. Alina Chester provides an update on the Jacksonville schools' financials for the upcoming school year; they look fantastic.

e. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: June 15th

f. Adjourned Meeting

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Meeting of the Board of Directors June 15, 2021

Board of Directors

Todd German (Board Chair / Treasurer) *(Present)*
Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair / Secretary / Parent) *(Present)*
David Concepcion *(Present)*
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. *(Absent)*

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Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Called to Order
- b. Established a Quorum

2. Public Comment

- a. There were no comments by the public.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the May 24, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Funds Allocation Reports.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Agreement Between Somerset Academy Jefferson K-12, Capital Health Plan, Inc., World Class Schools of Leon County, Inc., and Titus Sports Academy, LLC. for the 2021-2022 School Year.

- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the 2021-2022 Parent Involvement Representatives; further approving to designate Jeanette Nunez as the Conflict Resolution Person when the Parent Involvement Representative is unable to assist in a dispute.
 - i. *Per Florida Statute, each charter school's governing board must appoint a representative to facilitate parental involvement, provide access to information, assist parents and others with questions and concerns, and resolve disputes. The representative must reside in the school district in which the charter school is located and may be a governing board member, a charter school employee, or an individual contracted to represent the governing board. If the governing board oversees multiple charter schools in the same school district, the governing board must appoint a separate representative for each charter school in the district.*
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify and Reapproved the Board Policies & Procedures, including:
 - i. Conflict of Interest (*Each Board Member is required to sign and return the written acceptance form*)
 - ii. Ethics
 - iii. Whistle Blower
 - iv. Professional Development Plan for Administrators
 - v. Student Enrollment / Lottery
 - vi. Internet Safety Policy

**There have been no changes to any of these policies since the Board's re-approval last year.*
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Slate of Board Members and Officers for the 2021-2022 School Year:
 - i. Todd German (Board Chair / Treasurer)
 - ii. Ana Diaz (Vice-Chair / Secretary)
 - iii. David Concepcion
 - iv. Dr. Bernard Kimmel
 - v. Matthew Cox (Texas)
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Preliminary Board of Directors Meeting Schedule for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Accept the Annual Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information.
- i. Pulled for Discussion: Approval to Renew the Charter School Educational Services and Support Agreements with Academica for one additional year, expiring June 30, 2022.
- j. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the following School Projects:
 - i. Somerset Academy Bay - Playground/Multi-sport court (Estimate for court Included. Awaiting Playground Estimates)) – Requesting approval for up to \$80,000 to be paid with Donations from PTO Fundraising Efforts.
- k. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Submittal of the Mental Health Plans for the individual schools; further approving for schools to opt-in to their Sponsor's Mental Plan should they wish to.

Motion to approve the consent agenda (with the exception of 3i) by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Comments by the Board Chair (*Todd German*)
 - i. Discussed school “wish lists” and encouraged the schools to come up with their “wish lists” and work with Alina on how to fund these projects.
 - ii. Discussed: Renewal the Charter School Educational Services and Support Agreements with Academica for one additional year, expiring June 30, 2022.
 - 1. The current agreement is scheduled to expire at the end of this month. As the new contract form is still being negotiated by Board Counsels, it is being recommended to renew the current agreement for one year. The new long-term agreement will most likely be brought before the Board in less than a year, however asking for one year in an effort to keep the schools in compliance. The new agreement will be presented by Board Counsel along with ESP survey results at a future meeting.
 - 2. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to extend the Charter School Educational Services and Support Agreements with Academica for one additional year, expiring June 30, 2022.

Motion to approve by David Concepcion; second by Matt Cox; motion passed unanimously.

- b. Financial Report (*Alina Chester*)
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Final 2020-2021 Annual Budgets.
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Proposed 2021-2022 Annual Budgets.
Motion to approve the financial report by David Concepcion; second by Matt Cox; motion passed unanimously
- c. Legislative Update (*Julio Robaina*)
 - i. Funding update; application deadline elimination; dual enrollment funding; virtual charters can now offer part-time virtual instruction; LEA and School of Hope operators; HP replications changes; state-wide colleges and universities can be charter authorizers; HP529 signed into law regarding “Moment of Silence”; session starts early this coming year in January (committee meeting starts in September).
- d. Discussed: Emergency Order 2021-EO-02 – School Grades and School Improvement Ratings (*Kelly Mallon*)
 - i. Schools have the ability to opt in or out to receiving a school grade for the 2020-2021 school year, within 30 days of FSA results being published; action can be taken at a future Board Meeting.
 - 1. Except for schools that “opt-in” to receive a 2020-21 school grade, all Florida district and charter schools will retain their pre-COVID designations.
 - 2. Any district or charter school that tests 90 percent or more of its eligible students may apply to the department to “opt-in” to have its 2020-2021 school grade or school improvement rating apply for all statutory purposes associated with a school grade or rating.
 - 3. A district or charter school electing to “opt-in” must do so within 30 days of the release of all state testing data.
- e. Approval of Principals and Other Administrative Positions. (*Todd German & Victor Barroso*)
 - i. A committee consisting of Board Members and Principals have been interviewing for several positions.
 - 1. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to appoint Ms. Jessica Mesa as the Principal of Somerset Preparatory Academy (Homestead) #0754, Somerset Preparatory Academy Middle School (Homestead) #6046 and Somerset Preparatory Academy High School (Homestead) #7242.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by David Concepcion; motion passed unanimously
 - 2. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to appoint Dr. Walkiria Soberon as Principal of Somerset Academy Charter Middle School (South Homestead) #6013 and Somerset Academy Charter High School (South Homestead) #7034.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by Dr. Kimmel; motion passed unanimously
 - 3. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to appoint Ms. Ceclila Guilarte as Principal Somerset Academy Elementary School (South Miami Campus) #2007 | Somerset Academy Middle School (South Miami Campus) #6053.
Motion to approve by Ana Diaz; second by David Concepcion; motion passed unanimously
- f. Follow up on facility issues with the Archdiocese located schools. (*Collette Papa, Charles Gibson, Gema Marti, Anthony Marucci*)
 - i. Somerset Village continues to have facility issues. The Board and Counsel discuss and are very unhappy and demand action prior to the next meeting.
- g. Tabled: Follow up on tabled third-party Facility Usage Agreements for SoBay and Riverside. (*Collette Papa, Saili Hernandez, Gelyer Castro*)
- h. School Updates
 - i. Jefferson (*Cory Oliver*)
 - ii. General School Data Report (*Kelly Mallon*)
 - iii. 2021 Graduating Class Brag Time (*Misc. High School Principals*)
 - iv. Others, if necessary
- i. Other Items by Board Members, Staff, or ESP

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: July 13th

6. Adjourned Meeting

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