

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.
May 16, 2023**

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 4:30 PM. This Meeting was held at Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy - Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy -3525 Congress Ave, Palm Springs, FL 33461.

The following Governing Board Members were present via Zoom video conference: Board Chairman, Mr. Leonard Posey, Ms. Beth Adelman, Mr. Ira Paul, Mr. Robert Holland, Mr. Doug Shelton, and Mr. Martin Burkett

The following guests also were present *via* Zoom video conference: Thom Jackson, President and Chief Executive Officer, EdisonLearning; Dr. Eunice Casey, Director of School Leadership & Support Services, EdisonLearning; Mendi Riggins, Sr. Executive Assistant, EdisonLearning; Susan DeAngelo, Talent Acquisition Specialist, EdisonLearning; Thomas Sternberg, Tripp Scott, LLP; Dr. Tony Arza, Arza and Associates; Dr. Sharard Walker, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Alejandro Madrigal, Principal, CG Bethel High School; Kerry-Anne Brammer, Principal, Andrews High School; Michelle Schmitt, Senior Controller, EdisonLearning; Jennifer Anglin, Director of Career & Technical Education; Debra Bele, Osceola School District.

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Board Chairman, Mr. Leonard Posey. Ms. Mendi Riggins recorded the Minutes and conducted a roll call. Mr. Leonard Posey noted that Ms. Beth Adelman, Mr. Ira Paul, Mr. Robert Holland, Mr. Martin Burkett, and Mr. Doug Shelton were present.

A quorum was present.

There were no requests for public comment.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Ms. Adelman, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes dated April 18, 2023 Ratification of
- interim actions by the Board Chairman

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Burkett, the Board unanimously agreed to ratify the following actions by the Board Chairman, which were required to be performed by the Board Chairman prior to the extent Board meeting.

2022 NorthStar Academies Engagement Letter

Andrews High School

- Driving Choice Grant Program

Chambers High School

- Driving Choice Grant Program

Principal Renewal Letters

Mr. Jackson recommended that the Board have a Governance Board Retreat to allow the Board members the opportunity to strategize for the 2023-2024 school year. The Board Retreat will be held in June, an exact date and time will be determined at a later date.

Mr. Jackson provided the Board with an overview of the new school charters that NorthStar's legal counsel is requesting an extended deferral for Miami Dade County and Hillsborough County. The Palm Beach County charter is viable at this time and NorthStar Academies will be moving forward with opening a school in the 2023-2024 academic year.

A legislative update was provided by Dr. Arza. No vote was required.

Dr. Casey informed the Board that she is currently in the planning phase for Summer ELDA. Dr. Casey provided a tentative schedule and the goals for Summer ELDA. No vote was required.

The principals provided the Board with a year end report of their respective schools' accomplishments, summer plans and 2023-2024 goals. No vote was required.

Mr. Posey noted that he had been informed of the unexpected and untimely passing of Ms. Marie Curtis, the Principal of Sunrise High School. He stated that Mr. Jackson called him on the Saturday evening of her death, and that he and Mr. Jackson later discussed the potential of naming Sunrise High School after Ms. Curtis. Mr. Paul made a motion to rename Sunrise High School after Ms. Curtis. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheldon. During discussion on the motion, Mr. Posey stated that although he was in favor of the motion, the Board may wish to consider whether they should direct EdisonLearning to conduct a background check of Ms. Curtis before voting to change the school's name. Mr. Jackson explained that a background check was conducted on Ms. Curtis, as with all school employees. He also noted that Ms. Curtis spent 11 of her 12 professional years employed as an educator and administrator at Sunrise High School, and that her record as a school leader remained impressive through the date of her death. Ms. Adelman indicated that she agreed with Mr. Jackson; and she inquired about the school's students and staff as well as whether the Board or the management company was aware of the funeral arrangements for Ms. Curtis. Dr. Casey stated she would be stationed at the school to assist the staff, that the district had provided counseling services for both the staff and students, and that she was in contact with the family with respect to the funeral arrangements and would inform the Board as soon as the family informed her. The Board unanimously approved the renaming of Sunrise High School after Ms. Curtis.

Ms. DeAngelo provided the Board with the personnel report. No vote was required.

Ms. Schmitt provided the Board with a review of the financial reports and updates for the following schools:

- 1 . Andrews High School
- 2 . CG Bethel High School
- 3 . Chambers High School
- 4 . Main Street High School
- 5 . Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy
- 6 . Sunrise High School

A complete copy of the financials for each school was included in the Board packet, which was distributed for the Board's review prior to the meeting. On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Ms. Adelman, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for each of the above schools.

Ms. Schmitt provided the Board with a review of the 2023-2024 school budgets and updates for the following schools:

- 1 . Andrews High School
- 2 . CG Bethel High School
- 3 . Chambers High School
- 4 . Main Street High School
- 5 . Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy
- 6 . Sunrise High School

A complete copy of the financials for each school was included in the Board packet, which was distributed for the Board's review prior to the meeting. On a motion by Ms. Adelman and a second by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the 2023-2024 school budgets as presented for each of the above schools.

Mr. Posey provided the Board with a statement regarding the passing of Ms. Marie Curtis, principal of Sunrise High School and asked that it be included in the minutes of this meeting.

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm on a motion by Mr. Paul and seconded by Ms. Adelman.

By: Leonard D Posey
Leonard D Posey (Jun 9, 2023 21:29 EDT)
Title: Governing Board Chairman