

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.
November 21, 2023**

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 4:30 PM. This Meeting was held at C.B. Bethel High School, located at 16150 NE 17th Ave, North Miami Beach, FL 33162.

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

The following guests also were present *via* Zoom video conference: Thom Jackson, President & CEO, EdisonLearning; Dr. Eunice Casey, Director of School Leadership & Support Services, EdisonLearning; Mendi Riggins, Sr. Executive Assistant, EdisonLearning; Jennifer Anglin, Director of Career & Technical Education, EdisonLearning; Susan DeAngelo, Talent Acquisition Specialist, EdisonLearning; Thomas Sternberg, Tripp Scott, LLP; Jeff Wood, Tripp Scott, LLP; Ralph Arza, Arza and Associates; Luis Sullivan, Arza and Associates; Dr. Sharard Walker, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Alejandro Madrigal, Principal, CG Bethel High School; Charmayne Joseph, Principal, Sunrise High School; Kerry Ann Brammer, Principal, Andrews High School; Daniel Walke, Principal, Chambers High School; Dwayne Stewart, Principal, Main Street High School; Michelle Schmitt, Senior Controller, EdisonLearning.

The meeting was called to order at 4:41 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Board Chairperson, Ms. Beth Adelman. Ms. Mendi Riggins recorded the Minutes and conducted a roll call. Ms. Adelman noted that 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 Mr. Holland, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes dated October 24, 2023
- Ratification of interim actions by the Board Chairman

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Holland, 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 Board meeting.

Andrews High School

- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) School Improvement Plan
- 2023-2024 SIP
- 23-24 General Appropriations Act: Line Item 95 and CSFA #48.04- Computer Science Teacher Certification

CG Bethel High School

- 2023-2024 Charter Teacher Administrator Evaluation System Declaration Form
- 2023-2024 Referendum Allocation and Disbursement Certification Affidavit
- 23-24 Referendum Allocation and Disbursement Certification Affidavit, Deduction from Federal Education Finance Program Payment Authorization

Chambers High School

- 2023-2024 Referendum Allocation and Disbursement Certification Affidavit

Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy

- 2023-2024 SIP
- Out of Field Waiver
 - Jacqueline Howard

Sunrise High School

- Every Student Succeeds Act: SIP
- 2023-2024 SIP
- SY23-24 Charter School Officer Attestation Form
- 23-24 General Appropriations Act: Line Item 95 and CSFA #48.04- Computer Science Teacher Certification

Ms. Adelman informed the Board that she has been discussing with Thom Jackson, EdisonLearning's President & CEO, the growth strategy topics the Board discussed during its strategic planning meeting earlier in the year. Ms. Adelman indicated that the Board should expect a more detailed discussion and proposed plan, including next steps, during its January or February meeting, which may include the possibility of funding a V.P. of Strategic Growth position for NorthStar Academies. Ms. Adelman emphasized that the Board will have an opportunity to discuss and vote on the proposed growth plan, including the new position and the appointment of the potential candidate once all of the details have been finalized. No vote was required at this time.

Mr. Sternberg provided a legal update on the NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County lawsuit. There has not been any movement on the case. Mr. Sternberg reported that he has been working in collaboration with Romney Grippo, EdisonLearning's Chief Legal Officer, on updating the policy manual, which may be presented at a future board meeting.

Mr. Wood reported on the 2018 Palm Beach referendum. Mr. Wood stated that his office has advised NorthStar Academies to reject the options presented by the Palm Beach School District and to utilize the funds as deemed necessary. At this time Broward County School District has not paid NorthStar Academies for the 2018 referendum and mediation is set for December 5, 2023. No vote was required.

Mr. Ralph Arza provided the Board with a legislative report. No vote was required.

Mr. Jackson provided the Board with a review of the September 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

Mr. Jackson reported that there were no material changes since the financial report provided during the October Board meeting. A complete copy of the September financial reports 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. Holland and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the September financial reports as presented for each of the above schools.

Dr. Casey provided the Board with an update regarding Main Street High School's Charter Renewal Visit. No vote was required.

Dr. Casey provided the Board with an update regarding the upcoming Sunrise High School's Charter Renewal Visit. No vote was required.

Dr. Casey provided the Board with an update regarding the opening of the Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy's satellite campus. At this time, we are awaiting the signed lease agreement which we anticipate having within the next week. No vote was required.

Dr. Casey provided the Board with an update regarding Chambers High School staffing model. No vote was required.

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

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm on a motion by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Paul.

By: Beth Adelman
Beth Adelman (Jan 24, 2024 12:48 EST)
Title: Governing Board Chairman