# MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC. March 19, 2024

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 4:30 PM. This Meeting was held at the Tower Club, located at 100 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 28<sup>th</sup> Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394.

The following Governing Board Members appeared in person: Chairperson, Ms. Beth Adelman, Mr. Ira Paul, Mr. Doulas Shelton, and Mr. Martin Burkett. Mr. Robert Holland was absent from the meeting.

The following guests also appeared in person: Mr. Thom Jackson, President & Chief Executive Officer, EdisonLearning; Dr. Eunice Casey, Vice President of Operations, EdisonLearning; Mendi Riggins, Procurement & School Compliance Manager, 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; 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; Alejandro Madrigal, Principal, CG Bethel High School; Gloriva Lasa, Dean of Academics, CG Bethel High School; Chevenne Callwood, Teacher, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Dr. Theola Moor, Dean of Academics, Chambers High School; Alexandra Plaza, Dean of Academics, Main Street High School; Tarry Mays, Attendance Coordinator, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Julian Wilburn, Assistant Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Megan Wood, Academic Advisor, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Sharisse Lawson, Teacher, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Fabrice Clerger, Academic Advisor, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Shanteala Mash, Assistant Principal, Sunrise High School; Lee Phillips, Contractor. The following guests appeared via Zoom: Michelle Schmitt, Senior Controller, EdisonLearning; Jennie Gil de Lamadrid, Osceola School District.

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. The meeting was chaired by the Board Chairperson, Ms. Beth Adelman. Ms. Mendi Riggins recorded the Minutes and conducted a roll call. Ms. Adelman noted that Mr. Ira Paul, Mr. Douglas Shelton, and Mr. Martin Burkett were present.

A quorum was present.

There were no requests for public comment.

On a motion by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Burkett, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the February Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

On a motion by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to ratify the following actions performed by the Board Chairwoman, prior to the Board meeting.

#### **CG Bethel High School**

• Certified Public Accountant Form

#### **Chambers High School**

• Certified Public Accountant Form

#### **Main Street High School**

• Annual Enrollment Capacity Letter

### Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy

• Attachment U Promissory Note

## **Sunrise High School**

• Letter of Intent to Renew

On a motion by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Holland, the Board unanimously agreed to exclude the Palm Beach Preparatory Middle School application from the consent items and to reserve approval when addressing the items under Strategic Planning.

Ms. Adelman informed the Board members of the upcoming National Charter School Conference. Board members were encouraged to attend and to confirm their attendance with Ms. Riggins no later than Friday, March 22, 2024.

Dr. Arza provided the Board with a legislative update. 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 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. Burkett and seconded by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for each of the above schools.

Dr. Casey and Mr. Phillips presented the Board with a report on the achievement framework and how each school is performing. Dr. Casey provided the board with an overview of Spring ELDA, which addressed the schools' performance and expectations to close out the school year successfully. Dr. Casey updated the Board on the continued challenges that Chambers High School face and what is being done to address those challenges. No vote was required.

Dr. Walker provided the Board with an overview of the Palm Beach Preparatory Middle School Charter application status and construction process. No vote was required.

Dr. Walker presented to the Board the possibility of two potential satellite campuses, which would create NorthStar Academies partnerships with Miami Dade College located in Miami Dade County and Valencia College located in Osceola County. 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 5:41 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Burkett and seconded by Mr. Shelton.

By: Beth Adelman (Apr 18, 2024 12:35 EDT)

Title: Governing Board Chairwoman