

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.
March 15, 2022**

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 4:30 PM. This Meeting was held at Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy, located at 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 and Mr. Ira Paul.

Also present *via* Zoom video conference were Thom Jackson, President and Chief Executive Officer, EdisonLearning; Dr. Eunice Casey, Director of School Leadership & Support Services, EdisonLearning; Mendi Riggins, Sr. Executive Assistant, EdisonLearning; Michelle Schmitt, Senior Controller, EdisonLearning; Kenneth Edwards, Chief Financial Officer, EdisonLearning; Susan DeAngelo, Talent Acquisition Specialist, EdisonLearning; Thomas Sternberg, Tripp Scott, LLP; Tony Arza, Arza and Associates; Dr. Sharard Walker, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; and Matt Massman, President & Founder, MassEducation.org.

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

A quorum was present.

There was no public input.

The meeting was chaired by the Board Chairman. Ms. Mendi Riggins recorded the Minutes. Ms. Riggins conducted a roll call. The Chairman noted that Mr. Ira Paul and Ms. Beth Adelman were present.

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

- Board Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2022
- Ratification of interim actions by the Board Chairman

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

NorthStar Academies, Inc. Documents:

- Medical Programs Liability Insurance

NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County Documents:

- Project Amendment Request (Corrected)

The Governing Board Members did not have any matters to discuss.

Mr. Arza provided legislative update. No vote was required.

Dr. Casey provided an update with respect to the corrective action plan for NorthStar Academies of Pinellas County that was submitted to the Pinellas County School District during the 2020-2021 academic year. Dr. Casey provided the board with an update on the OIG investigations for NorthStar Academies of Pinellas County and Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy. Dr. Case also reported on the schools COGNIA status and the interview process.

Mr. Massman presented to the Governing Board the services offered by MassEducation.org. Included in the presentation, Mr. Massman also presented the advantages of working with the organization.

Mr. Edwards presented an offer for NorthStar Academies to purchase the remaining term of the sublease for the facility in which Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy is located. The Board chose to postpone making a determination at this time.

Mr. Sternberg briefed the Board on the leasing issues concerning the C.G. Bethel High School property.

Mr. Jackson informed the Board that the management company had received a property tax notice from Pinellas County regarding NorthStar Academy of Pinellas. Mr. Jackson indicated that, because of the school exemption, he expected to be able to resolve the matter without a tax payment. On a separate matter, Mr. Jackson suggested that the Board start considering alternate financing for the property. There is no action required at this time.

Ms. DeAngelo provided the Board with a personnel report which included terminations, resignations and new hires at some of our schools.

Ms. Schmitt presented the Board with a review of the financials and updates for the following schools:

1. Andrews High School
2. Chambers High School
3. C.G. Bethel High School
4. Main Street High School
5. NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County
6. Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy
7. Sunrise High School

On a motion by Ms. Adelman and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously voted to approve the financial reports for each of the above schools as presented.

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm on a motion by Ms. Adelman and seconded by Mr. Paul.

By: Leonard D Posey
Leonard D Posey (Apr 16, 2022 10:38 EDT)
Title: Governing Board Chairman