

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.
April 19, 2022**

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 4:30 PM. This Meeting was held at NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County, located at 2220 62nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712.

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; Jeff Wood, Tripp Scott, LLP; Tony Arza, Arza and Associates; Luis Sullivan, Executive Assistant, Arza and Associates; Dr. Sharard Walker, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Dionne Stone, Principal, NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County; and Daniel G.

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 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:

Andrews High School Documents:

- Charter School Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Preliminary Expenditure Report

Sunrise High School Documents:

- Charter School Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Preliminary Expenditure Report

NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County Documents:

- Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan Selection

Mr. Luis Sullivan informed the Board of the June 19, 2022 National Charter School Conference, which will take place in Washington, DC.

Mr. Jackson requested that the meeting agenda be amended to have the Financial Report be given prior to the school matters report, due to Ms. Schmitt's conflicting schedule.

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.

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

Mr. Posey requested a report from the managing company's on the "Don't Say Gay" and "Critical Race" legislation.

Dr. Casey provided an update on the OIG investigation status for Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy (PBPCA), NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County (NSA) and Andrews High School (Andrews). The case involving PBPCA alleging nepotism was closed with no findings. The second case involving PBPCA alleging questionable graduation rates and percentages, actually turned out to be regarding another school in the District, Boynton Beach High School. This case was closed with no findings concerning Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy. The OIG case involving NSA alleging ongoing compliance deficiencies is still awaiting a response from the District. The OIG case involving Andrews alleging continuous non-compliance with regards to the ESOL program, has been resolved and Dr. Casey reported that Andrews is in compliance at this time.

Mr. Wood provided an update on the legal matter pertaining to the lease agreement for C.B. Bethel High School. Mr. Jackson provided more insight as to the issues surrounding the C.G. Bethel lease. Mr. Daniel G., the potential new owner of the C.G. Bethel High School property was acknowledged as being present for the board meeting.

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

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm on a motion by Mr. Paul and seconded by Ms. Adelman.

By: Leonard D Posey
Leonard D Posey (May 6, 2022 17:56 EDT)
Title: Governing Board Chairman