

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.
June 7, 2022**

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 4:30 PM. This Meeting was held at Chambers High School, located at 698 Homestead Blvd., Homestead, FL 33030.

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; EdisonLearning; Susan DeAngelo, Talent Acquisition Specialist, EdisonLearning; Jennifer Anglin, Director of Career & Technical Education, EdisonLearning; Jeff Wood, Tripp Scott, LLP; Ralph Arza, Arza and Associates; Luis Sullivan, Administrative Assistant, Arza and Associates; Dr. Sharard Walker, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Michelle Schmitt, Senior Controller, EdisonLearning; Shannon Atwell, Division Director of Youth Services, OIC of South Florida; Lauren Hollander, School Property Development, LLC;

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. 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.

A quorum was present.

There was no public input.

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 dated May 11, 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:

- 2022-2023 School Calendar

C.G. Bethel High School Documents:

- 2022-2023 School Calendar
- Title IV Grant

- Additional Safe Schools Allocation Governing Board Certification Form
- Safety and Security of School Buildings
- K-12 Civic Literacy Booklist Prioritization Chart
- SIO EOY Assurance
- Support and Academic Enrichment Gains
- Charter School Safety Plan Template

Chambers High School

- 2022-2023 School Calendar
- Charter School Safety Plan Template
- SIO EOY Assurance
- Support and Academic Enrichment Gains
- Teacher and Principal Evaluation
- K-12 Civic Literacy Booklist Prioritization Chart
- 2021-2022 Charter School Safety and Security Requirement Assurance
- Certified Public Accountant Form Safety and Security of School Buildings
- 2021-2022 Charter School Teacher/Administrator Evaluation System Declaration Form
- Title IV Gant
- Additional Safe Schools Allocation Governing Board Certification Form

Main Street High School Documents:

- 2022-2023 School Calendar

Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Documents:

- 2022-2023 School Calendar
- New School Logo

Sunrise High School Documents:

- 2022-2023 School Calendar
- Mental Health Assistance Allocation

NorthStar Academies, Inc. Documents:

- OIC Letter of Commitment
- Principal Renewal Contracts

There were no items of discussion for Governance Matters.

Ms. Atwell provided the Board with an overview of the potential for partnership with OIC of South Florida. Ms. Anglin informed the Board that a number of the Broward County students are currently

participating in an OIC of South Florida program. The Board approved a letter of commitment in the consent items of this meeting.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Hollander provided the Board with a detailed breakdown of the Palm Beach sublease. Ms. Hollander provided the Board with the proposal which identified the benefits of accepting the sublease.

On a motion by Ms. Adelman and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the management company to buy out the Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy sublease.

Mr. Jackson provided the Board with an update on NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County. The District has been informed by legal counsel of NorthStar Academies, Inc. decision not to appeal the ninety day letter informing them of their decision to terminate the charter. NorthStar Academies, Inc. has informed the District that NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County will vacate the premises on or before June 30, 2022.

A legislative update was not provided. No vote was required.

Ms. DeAngelo provided the Board with the personnel report. No vote was required. The Board Chair asked for clarification on the Dean of Academics job description, which is listed as a vacancy for Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy.

The Board Chair informed the Board that Ms. Keona Burnes, former employee (circa 2015-2016), C.G. Bethel High School, had followed up with a letter to him directly. He wanted to ensure that someone from Human Resources had followed up with her concerns. Mr. Jackson stated that a report on the final investigation findings would be provided at the next board meeting.

A financial report was not provided. No vote was required

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm on a motion by Mr. Paul and seconded by Ms. Adelman.

By: Leonard D Posey
Leonard D Posey (Jun 17, 2022 13:30 EDT)
Title: Governing Board Chairman