

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

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 4:30 PM. This meeting was held at Andrews High School - 3500 North Andrews Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL 33064.

The following Governing Board Members were present *via* Zoom video conference: Board Chairman, Mr. Leonard Posey; Board Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Ira Paul; and Board Members: Ms. Beth Adelman, Mr. Ira Paul, Mr. Doug Shelton, and Mr. Martin Burkett. (Mr. Robert Holland previously indicated that he had a conflict and was recorded as absent.)

The following guests also were present *via* Zoom video conference: Thom Jackson, President and Chief Executive Officer, EdisonLearning; Dr. Eunice Casey, Director of School Leadership & Support Services, EdisonLearning; Mendi Riggins, Sr. Executive Assistant, EdisonLearning; Susan DeAngelo, Talent Acquisition Specialist, EdisonLearning; Thomas Sternberg, Tripp Scott, LLP; Jeff Wood, Tripp Scott, LLP; Dr. Tony Arza, Arza and Associates; Kerry-Ann Brammer, Principal, Andrews High School; Michelle Schmitt, Senior Controller, EdisonLearning; Jennifer Anglin, Director of Career & Technical Education; and Tanya Snellings, Osceola County School District.

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. Ms. Riggins, the Board Liaison, conducted a roll call, and informed the Board that a quorum was present.

Mr. Posey explained that he had an emergency business meeting which he needed to attend, and he requested that, if there were no objections by the Board members present, Ms. Adelman act as chairperson for the meeting. By unanimous consent, the Board members agreed that Ms. Adelman would chair the meeting. Mr. Posey also requested a motion to change the published order of the agenda to allow the Board to consider the items that required a Board vote prior to his departure. On motion by Ms. Adelman and second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to consider the financial report and the consent agenda items first, and thereafter to proceed with the order of the agenda as published.

Ms. Adelman asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to provide a comment the Board. There were no public comments. Ms. Tanya Snelling, Osceola County School District, indicated her presence.

The financial report was presented by Ms. Schmitt, who stated that there was no material change in the financial statements reported during the February Board meeting. Ms. Schmitt also reported that the Board needed to appoint auditors for the 2023-2024 academic year and, after summarizing the services to be provided, she recommended that the Board re-appoint the current auditors, Keefe McCullough, C.P.A.s. Mr. Burkett indicated that he had no objection to Ms. Schmitt's recommendation but asked that the auditor's proposed contract be reviewed by the Board's legal counsel to ensure that the requested duties and obligations are in the best interest of NorthStar Academies and its schools.

On a motion by Mr. Posey and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Keefe McCullough, C.P.A.s. as the auditors for NorthStar Academies for the 2023 – 2024 academic year, and that their proposed contract be approved subject to the complete and approval by the Board's legal counsel.

Ms. Adelman directed the Board's attention to the matters listed under the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Posey, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Meeting Minutes, dated March 21, 2023.

With respect to the matters for ratification, Mr. Posey explained that, from time to time between Board meetings, he receives requests from the management company, who is responding to a demand from the school district, to sign and submit certain documents before the next Board meeting. Mr. Posey explained that before signing the document he discusses the request with the applicable representative of the management company (e.g., Dr. Casey or Mr. Jackson), reviews the document to assure himself that he understands the content, purpose, and importance of the document, and confirms that its required to be submitted to the requesting school district prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Posey then explained that he presents each of the documents that he signs to the Board at the next Board meeting for its review and ratification. Mr. Posey noted that the documents presented for ratification were documents he had been requested to sign prior to the extant Board meeting, and he asked Mr. Jackson and Dr. Casey to explain each of the following documents:

**Andrews High School**

- Summer Learning Camps Assurance

**C.G. Bethel High School**

- Project Upstart College Tour Fieldtrip Packet

**Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy**

- ESSER III Summer Learning Camps Charter Assurances

**Sunrise High School**

- Summer Learning Camps Assurance

Following an explanation of each document by Mr. Jackson and Dr. Casey, which included responding to questions from Board members, Ms. Adelman called for a vote. On a motion by Mr. Posey and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to ratify Mr. Posey's execution of the foregoing documents on behalf of the Board and in his capacity of Board Chairman.

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

Dr. Casey provided the Board with a brief review of areas addressed in the Spring ELDA session and the goals for the 2023-2024 academic year. 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 5:37pm on a motion by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Burkett.

By: Leonard D Posey  
Leonard D Posey (Apr 18, 2023 15:37 EDT)  
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Title: Governing Board Chairman