

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.  
April 18, 2023**

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 4:30 PM. This Meeting was held at Chambers High School - 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, Mr. Ira Paul, and Mr. Doug Shelton. Mr. Martin Burkett and Mr. Robert Holland were 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; Daniel Walke, Principal, Chambers High School; Marie Curtis, Principal, Sunrise High School; Dr. Sharard Walker, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Michelle Schmitt, Senior Controller, EdisonLearning; and Jennifer Anglin, Director of Career & Technical Education.

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Board Chairman, Mr. Leonard Posey. Ms. Mendi Riggins recorded the Minutes and conducted a roll call. Mr. Leonard Posey noted that Ms. Beth Adelman, Mr. Ira Paul, and Mr. Doug Shelton were present.

A quorum was present.

There were no requests for public comment.

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

- Board Meeting Minutes dated March 21, 2023 Ratification of
- interim actions by the Board Chairman

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

2022 NorthStar Academies Engagement Letter

**Broward Schools**

- Civic Literacy Excellence Initiative

### **Andrews High School**

- Civic Literacy Opt In

### **Sunrise High School**

- Civic Literacy Opt In

Ms. Schmitt informed the Board that Board counsel, Thomas Sternberg, had reviewed the auditor's engagement letter as requested at last month's Board meeting. Mr. Sternberg determined that auditors have been working within the scope of their contracts.

Mr. Sternberg provided the Board with an overview regarding the status of repairs on the Sunrise High School roofing project. With a proposal for the emergency roof repairs ranging close to \$500,000, the Board requires that the project gets bid out. On a motion by Ms. Adelman and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously approved the expenditure of \$100,000 for emergency repairs related to Sunrise High School roof leak.

Mr. Sternberg provided the Board with a report on the property tax lawsuit for NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County. Board counsel presented the option of offering a proposal for settlement in the amount of \$100,000 to the Property Appraisers Office.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously approved the offering of a proposal for settlement in the amount of \$100,000 and attorney fees.

Mr. Sternberg provided the Board with an update regarding an incident involving the Guardian at Main Street High School. The Guardian is currently going through the criminal process and NorthStar's Board Counsel is working with the contractor to indemnify NorthStar Academies for any damages that it may suffer. We are fully cooperating with the local authorities and are conducting as we are handling the matter internally as well.

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

Dr. Casey provided the Board with an overview of the schools' end of the year compliance status. No vote was required.

Mr. Jackson provided the Board with an update on the four open charters that were awarded to NorthStar Academies, including a letter dated April 17, 2023 from Hillsborough School District to Mr. Posey indicating that the District would sunset the Charters for Hillsborough East and Hillsborough West because they were not opened within 2 years of the date on which the applications were approved. Mr. Jackson indicated that he would discuss the matter with Arza Consulting and provide a recommendation at the May board meeting. No vote was required.

Ms. DeAngelo provided the Board with the personnel report. 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 financials 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. Paul and a second by Ms. Adelman, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for each of the above schools.

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm on a motion by Ms. Adelman and seconded by Mr. Paul.

By: Leonard D Posey  
Leonard D Posey (May 11, 2023 15:10 EDT)  
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Title: Governing Board Chairman