



MATER ACADEMY

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The Mater Academy vision is to provide exemplary educational choices by offering an innovative college preparatory curriculum; empowering confident leaders of tomorrow.

**Mater Academy, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 5, 2024**

Directors

Cesar Christian Crousillat, Board Chair *(Present)*

Shannie Sadesky, Vice-Chair *(Present)*

Idalia Suarez, Secretary *(Present)*

Maurene Sotero Balmaseda *(Present)*

Maria Beatriz (“Betty”) Nuñez *(Absent)*

Yasmeen Khan *(Present)*

Roberto Blanch, Esq., President *(Present)*

Kim Guilarte, Chief Operating Officer *(Present)*

Joseph L. Raia, Esq., Counsel for Mater Academy, Inc. *(Absent)*

In an effort to allow greater public participation and to best accommodate stakeholders, this meeting was held via communications media technology with physical access sites at Mater Academy Davenport (318 Ronald Reagan Parkway, Davenport 33896) and each of the individual school campuses throughout Miami-Dade County.

Minutes

1. **OPENING EXERCISES**

- a. Called to Order at 11:00am
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Reading of Vision

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - *None*

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed with letter designations are considered routine were enacted by one motion.

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the November 14, 2023 and Minutes from the December 7, 2023 Board of Directors Meetings.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field, ESOL and/or Gifted Waiver Assignments for the 2023-2024 school year; further authorizing the Chief Operating



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Officer authority to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission (including any necessary additions).

- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Individual Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2023-2024 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools; further authorizing the Chief Operating Officer authority and direction to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission (including any necessary revisions).
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify Resolutions by the Board Chair:
 - i. Approved Out of Field, ESOL and/or Gifted Waiver Assignments
 - ii. Approved Revised Title 1 Budgets

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Idalia Suarez; second by Shannie Sadesky; motion passed unanimously

4. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Report & Items by the President and Board Counsel (*Roberto Blanch & Joe Raia*)
 - i. Mater Bay capacity denial by the City update and appeal status; meeting with town management this week.
 - ii. Recent incident involving a teacher at Mater Bay which resulted in the teachers termination and arrest; President Blanch feels the situation was very well handled; need for professional development for staff to continue to learn and benefit from experiences such as this.
 - iii. Construction proceeding well at other facilities.
- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
- c. Academica Report
 - i. Legislative Report (*Julio Robaina*)
 - ii. Colegia Report (*Antonio Roca*)
- d. Financial Report
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised CMO Grant Budget.
 - 1. Replicates the retention bonus implemented in grant year 3 for grant year 4, with an effective date of March 31, 2024, utilizing unspent funds.
Motion to approve by Shannie Sadesky; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. Referendum Funds – conversations continue with the district on these funds and receiving them retroactively; need to create a resolution to request all funds retroactively.
 - 1. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the creation and submittal of a resolution to request the referendum funds retroactively.
Motion to approve by Shannie Sadesky; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously
- e. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica



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5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

a. Next Board Meeting: April 16th

6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 11:57AM**

Motion by Idalia Suarez; second by Shannie Sadesky; motion passed unanimously

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is an Officer of MATER ACADEMY, INC., a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of said corporation.

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on April 16th, 2024.

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