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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. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 3, 2025**

Directors

Cesar Christian Crousillat, Board Chair *(Present)*

Shannie Sadesky, Vice-Chair *(Present)*

Idalia Suarez, Secretary *(Present)*

Maurene Sotero Balmaseda *(Present)*

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

Yasmeen Hasan *(Absent)*

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

Kim Guilarte, Chief Operating Officer *(Present)*

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

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 each of the individual school campuses throughout Miami-Dade, Orange, Osceola and Polk Counties.

Minutes

1. **OPENING EXERCISES**

- a. Called to Order at 11:08am
- b. Established a Quorum

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the November 13, 2024 & December 9, 2024 Board of Directors Meetings.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field, ESOL and/or Gifted Waiver Assignments or Endorsements for the 2024-2025 school year; further authorizing



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

- i. Further approving to ratify the Out of Field, ESOL and/or Gifted Waiver Assignments or Endorsements for the 2024-2025 school year for:
 1. Mater Academy St. Cloud
 2. Mater Academy Narcoossee
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Individual Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2024-2025 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 the School Projects and/or Purchases:
 - i. Ratify – Mater Academy Brighton Lakes HGA Construction Invoice for \$64,282.50 for sod removal, plants and irrigation, place concrete, and install underlayment fabric and granite chips.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trips:
 - i. Mater Academy Narcoossee
 1. Honors Choir performing at a festival in Florence, Italy on June 2nd and 4th, 2025 (this replaces a previously approved trip to Paris due to an itinerary change).
 2. Historic Washington D.C.: Grades 7th & 8th grades March 12th to March 14th
 - ii. Mater Academy St. Cloud – Washington DC 3/9-3/12
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to modify the charter contract enrollment capacity for Mater Academy Palms (enrollment is currently 861 and exceeds the current charter enrollment capacity of 750).
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Addendum to Lease Agreement between School Development Torrey Pines, LLC. And Mater Academy Central, Inc. for the Mater Academy Narcoossee campus.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive and file the Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2024.

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. Insurance Update
 - ii. “Wiregrass” K-5 charter is using third deferral this year and will sunset; applying for a new 6-8 charter; also applying for a K-5 charter; name will be Mater Northwood to be consistent with the existing high school which is using its second deferral. All three charters are now scheduled to open August 2026.



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1. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to submit the new charter applications as discussed.

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

iii. Mater Academy Bay 2025-2026 Projects:

1. Football/soccer field with parking area drainage, and lighting for parking lot. The field requires support drainage for turf area collection drainage system to tie in, circulation walkways, home and visitor bleachers, digital scoreboard, ball control netting system (south and north side), goals and optional soccer field goals, player benches for home and visitor and an athletic support building with various rooms. Target completion by the end of 2025 but may be 2026 due to timing to prepare CD's and obtain permit.
2. New parking lots 2 and 3 with drainage, and lighting. Target completion by the end of 2025 but may be 2026 due to the timing to prepare CD's and permit phase.
3. The new sidewalk between building D1 and C1 with Target completion is by end of 2025.
4. Extension of interior road, Turin has obtained permit except the tie in at 87 Ave. Turin has worked out a process which will allow completion without obtaining a permit from DOT by as building the work in lieu of permit due to scope of work required. Target completion by end of this summer 2025.
5. New street and parking lot lighting throughout the school grounds. We would like to investigate the cost difference between the typical concrete poles with LED fixtures vs low profile aluminum poles with LED fixture (as seen on the Palmetto expressway median starting north of the Dolphin expressway). Target completion be end of 2025.
6. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to move forward with the above school projects as discussed.

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

iv. Other Project Updates – Rolando Llanes

- v. Update on HP application in Texas

b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)

c. Financial Report

d. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

- a. Next Board Meeting: April 1st at Mater Academy Grove (2805 SW 32nd Avenue, Miami, 33133)

6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 11:52AM**

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



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The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is an Officer of MATER ACADEMY, INC. & MATER ACADEMY CENTRAL, INC., not-for-profit corporations 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 1, 2025.