



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
March 1, 2022**

Directors

Cesar Christian Crousillat, Board Chair *(Absent)*
Shannie Sadesky, Vice-Chair *(Present)*
Idalia Suarez, Secretary *(Present)*
Maurene Sotero Balmaseda *(Present)*
Maria Beatriz (“Betty”) Nuñez *(Present)*

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 County.

Minutes

1. OPENING EXERCISES

- a. Called to Order at 11:02am
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Reading of Vision

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the December 16, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver Assignments for the 2021-2022 school year; further authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Individual Revised Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2021-2022 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools; further authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission.



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- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trips:
 - i. iMater Prep High – Europe
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the request for two-year extension of teacher temporary certificate(s); further authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to provide necessary letter of approval on behalf of the Board of Directors.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to extend the term of the ESP Agreement with Academica for five years; further approving to add all new schools opening in August of this year to the agreement; lastly authorizing the President the ability to execute the agreement.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the following Board Policies
 - i. Student Enrollment / Lottery Policy.
 - 1. Language was added to reflect that the schools have the following statutory right:
 - a. The school may implement limited enrollment periods to target specified student populations in accordance with Florida Statute, Section 1002.33(10)(e).
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to renew the Mater Academy International Studies #1017 charter contract which expires June 30, 2023.
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to adopt the Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2022-2023 School Year Calendar as published (early dismissal days are permitted to be made at the school level).
- j. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Charter School Contract Amendment Requests via Resolution.

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

4. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Report & Items by the President and Board Counsel (*Roberto Blanch & Joe Raia*)
 - i. Street Lighting Special Taxing District Documents
 - ii. Bond Resolutions Presentation by David Cohen
 - 1. Motion to approve the resolutions as presented and discussed by Shannie Sadesky; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Bond Resolutions under unanimous vote.
 - iii. Facility Update by Rolando Llanes
 - 1. Mater Brickell – August 2022 Opening
 - 2. Mater Hialeah Park Campus – Approved for 2950 students; phase 1 underway (this phase 600 students/grade levels still being determined; August 2023 planned opening.
 - 3. Mater Biscayne – Retrofit of library (generate 5-6 classrooms, science lab and multi-purpose room); master permit under review; soon to receive the demo permit to begin that work; goal to have this completed by this August. Future improvements to currently used 5 story building.
 - 4. Mater Kiwanis – Rehab of facility underway; parking lot to the west side should be completed by August; the future building permit is well underway.
 - 5. Mater Bay – Master plan was approved by Cutler Bay about a month ago; now Mater does not need to go back to hearing for future buildings; Mater still needs to amend the 1600 student cap.; 2 story classroom building for 600-700 students is almost fully permitted.
 - 6. Mater Lakes – Phase 1 and 2 are platted; building permit pending due to civil engineering, public works and traffic; an agreement with the contractor has been negotiated



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- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
 - i. Recognition of Doug Rodriguez as Principal of Mater Biscayne Middle and High
 - ii. Update on CMO Audit
 - iii. Budget Meetings
 - iv. Recognized Helga Chalas for the school's outstanding response time to parents when they submit an online application.
 - v. Recognized Mater Lakes for their recent success at Mock Trial comp; they competed amongst other charter and private schools. Mater Lakes came in first place and now will compete against the first place traditional public school.
 - vi. Mater Middle High enrollment is going very well; adding over 300 new students next school year.
 - vii. Congrats to Tiger for being named the Florida Tax Watch Principal. Mater is the only network who has identified 4 Principals for this.
- c. Financial Report
 - i. Budget meetings planned and ongoing
 - ii. Addresses concerns with the insurance rates at Mater Biscayne
- d. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approve to designate Mr. Douglas Rodriguez as Principal of Mater Biscayne Middle and High Schools.
Motion to approve by Shannie Sadesky; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. Colegio Update by Antonio Roca

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

- a. Next Board Meeting – June 6th at 11am

6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 12:40PM**

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 June 6, 2022.