



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  
December 16, 2021**

**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 10:34am
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Reading of Vision by the Host Principal

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the November 4 and November 18, 2021 Board of Directors Meetings.
- 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.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the updated Board Policies and Procedures Manual, as a result of recommendations at ARC in Miami-Dade.



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- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive and file the CIVICA Facilities Support Services Report for the period of August – December 2021.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the individual Principals the ability to execute all necessary documents / assurances for the ESSER grant documents.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to change the name of “Mater Brickell High School to “Mater Brickell Academy”.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the President and/or Board Chair the ability to request all necessary charter school amendments by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trips:
  - i. Mater Academy Grove – Washington D.C. with Close Up
- j. **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.

*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. Bond & other facility updates provided
- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
  - i. Opening 4 new sites in August – 2 in Miami and 2 in Central Florida
    - 1. Eileen Hernandez – Mater Academy Kiwanis
    - 2. Victor Rodriguez – Mater Brickell Campus
      - a. Jenny Aguirre – Vice Principal
    - 3. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the above Principal recommendations and assignments as stated above.

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

- c. Financial Report
  - i. None
- d. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

- a. Next Board Meeting – February 17<sup>th</sup> (tentative / possible date change)

6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 10:51AM**



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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 March 1, 2022.