



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
April 20, 2023**

Directors

Cesar Christian Crousillat, Board Chair *(Present)*

Shannie Sadesky, Vice-Chair *(Present)*

Idalia Suarez, Secretary *(Present)*

Maurene Sotero Balmaseda *(Absent)*

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 11:21am
- b. Establish Quorum
- c. Reading of Vision

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Edwin Orr re: Mater Gardens Traffic (virtually attending)

3. CONSENT AGENDA *(All items were enacted by one motion.)*

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the February 6, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field Waiver Assignments for the 2022-2023 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 Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2022-2023 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.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Receive and File the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2022.



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- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Teacher Certificate Extension Requests.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the CPI Adjustments to Fixed Rents Under Various Charter School Facility Leases with misc. Landlords.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Verizon Innovative Learning Lab Program Agreement.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the following School Project: Mater Academy Middle/High Turf Project with AstroTurf for an amount not to exceed \$372k.
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify Resolutions by the Board Chair:
 - i. Approved to submit miscellaneous charter school contract amendment requests for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - ii. Certified that the Mater Academy, Inc. Board of Directors has a standing policy which allows all (existing and future) Mater schools to apply & participate in the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA).

Motion to approve the consent agenda by C. Crousillat; 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. Presentation on Mater Brickell Construction Progress (*Alex Becerra*)
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to amend MAI License Agreement with Doral Academy College subject to further legal negotiations and insurance details; further authorizing the President the ability to execute.
 - 1. Doral dormitories and host visiting student program; other program terms.
 - 2. Collaboration of International and Domestic students
 - 3. Mr. Raia reviews the agreement terms and economic benefits; \$350 per student / per visit; discusses any insurance risks and requirements.
 - 4. Work out remaining details with insurance – subject to legal review.
 - iii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the SoLe MIA MOU as discussed and subject to further legal negotiations; further authorizing the President the ability to execute.
 - 1. Mr. Raia provides background on this item; this is a brown field site; 5 acre site; LLC will build the school and lease to Mater Academy, Inc.; this MOU is a proposed agreement between the develop and Mater, Inc.; enrollment preference discussion; this will be a School of Hope site; noted principal issues within the agreement.

Motion to approved 4a ii and iii by Idalia Suarez; second by Shannie Sadesky; motion passed unanimously

- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
 - i. Discussed new and future schools; growth plans.
 - ii. Data Presentation by Dr. Barr
- c. Legislative Report (*Julio Robaina*)
- d. Colegia Report (*Antonio Roca*)
- e. Financial Report by Alina Chester



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- i. Budget meetings report
 - f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Mater Academy Grove Project – 5th Floor Terrance Enclosure - Amount not to exceed \$488,000.
Motion to approve by Idalia Suarez; second by Shannie Sadesky; motion passed unanimously
 - g. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**
- a. Annual Board of Directors Meeting – June 8th
6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 12:30PM**

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 13, 2023.

MATER ACADEMY, INC.
A Florida not-for-profit corporation