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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  
April 22, 2026**

**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 *(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, Orange, Osceola and Polk Counties.*

**Minutes**

1. **OPENING EXERCISES**

- a. Call to Order at 11:34am
- b. Establish Quorum
- c. Special welcome to members of the public who are joining us today.

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

3. **CONSENT AGENDA** - *All items listed with letter designations are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion.*

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the minutes from the February 2, March 4, and March 31, 2026 Board of Director’s Meetings.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the miscellaneous ESOL and/or Gifted Waivers or Endorsements for Instructional Personnel as approved by the Chief Operating Officer.



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- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Annual Enrollment Capacities for the necessary schools where required by the Sponsor.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Renewal Contract for Mater Brighton Lakes Academy Preparatory High School.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Amendment Request Resolutions.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Charter School Renewals (expiring June 2027):
  - i. Miami-Dade
    - 1. Mater Academy Charter High School #7160 (HP)
    - 2. Mater Lakes Collegiate Academy Middle School #5057
    - 3. Mater Lakes Collegiate Academy High School #5052
    - 4. iMater Academy #5384
    - 5. Mater Academy Virtual Charter School #6997
  - ii. Osceola
    - 1. Mater Palms Academy #0185
  - iii. Polk
    - 1. Mater Academy Davenport #8010
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the School of Hope Renewals (expiring June 2027):
  - i. Mater Brickell Academy Middle #5412 (HP)
  - ii. Mater Brickell Academy High #5422 (HP)
  - iii. Mater Academy Kiwanis #5416 (HP)
- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the School Purchases and/or Project Requests: *(Note: Each project listed has been reviewed and determined to be fiscally acceptable):*
  - iv. Mater Academy Davenport – Parking Lot Expansion Project for an amount not to exceed \$95k (paid by operating)

*Motion to approve by Shannie Sadesky; second by Maurene Sotero Balmaseda; motion passed unanimously (Board Member Suarez was absent for the vote)*

#### 4. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Report & Items by the President and Board Counsel *(Roberto Blanch & Joe Raia)*
  - i. Discussed Mater Private Schools of Texas Bylaws; Board Chair Crousillat requests to table this item to further review with President Blanch and Mr. Raia.
  - ii. Teacher Salary Resolutions – establishes ranges of compensation
    - 1. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolutions which establish ranges of compensation for teacher salaries.

*Motion to approve by Shannie Sadesky; second by C. Crousillat; motion passed unanimously*



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iii. Bond Interest Rate – seeking amended approval for up to interest up to 5.75% (previously approved 5.5%) in the event the market increases.

1. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to amend the previously approved bond resolution to revise the allowable interest rate from 5.5% to max. 5.75%.

*Motion to approve by C. Crousillat; second by Shannie Sadesky; motion passed unanimously (Board Member Suarez was absent for the vote)*

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

i. Accreditation review to be in January/February

c. Nevada Updates (*Renee Fairless, Mater LV*)

i. Ryan Reeves provided the updates as Renee was not present.

d. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

a. Next Board Meeting - June 11<sup>th</sup> (Annual Meeting)

b. High School Graduations (*per the requested survey*)

i. Mater Academy Narcoosee (Monica Cueto) – May 16<sup>th</sup>

ii. Mater Brickell High (Doug Rodriguez) – May 18<sup>th</sup>

iii. iMater Prep High (Teresa Santalo) – May 26<sup>th</sup>

iv. Mater Academy High School (Alex Tamargo) – May 27<sup>th</sup>

v. Mater Bay High (Brenda Cruz) – May 28<sup>th</sup>

vi. Mater Biscayne High (Victor Rodriguez) – May 30<sup>th</sup>

6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 11:58AM BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on June 16, 2026.