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**Mater Academy, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 8, 2024**

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)*
Yasmeen Hasan *(Present)*

Roberto Blanch, Esq., President *(Present)*
Kim Guilarte, Chief Operating Officer *(Absent)*
Joseph L. Raia, Esq., Counsel for Mater Academy, Inc. *(Absent)*

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 10:02am
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Reading of Vision

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the June 11, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to utilize Doral Leadership Institute Consortium of Public Charter Schools Instructional Personnel Evaluation System and School Administrator Evaluation System as the Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Tool.



Motion to approve by Shannie Sadesky; second by Betty Nunez; motion passed unanimously

4. **ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Financial Report

- i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Final 2023-2024 Annual Budgets.
- ii. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Proposed 2024-2025 Annual Budgets.

Motion to approve the financial report by Shannie Sadesky; second by C. Crousillat; motion passed unanimously

b. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica

- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to renew the Mater International Academy #3000 charter school contract.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 10:26AM**

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 September 9, 2024.

MATER ACADEMY, INC.

A Florida not-for-profit corporation



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**Mater Academy, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 9, 2024**

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)*
Yasmeen Hasan *(Present)*

Roberto Blanch, Esq., President *(Present)*
Kim Guilarte, Chief Operating Officer *(Present)*
Joseph L. Raia, Esq., Counsel for Mater Academy, Inc. *(Present)*

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Minutese

1. OPENING EXERCISES

- a. Call to Order at 11:15am
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Reading of Vision

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the July 8, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions: Out of Field and/or ESOL Waiver Assignments for the 2024-2025 school year; further authorizing the Chief Operating Officer



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

- 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 to continue the authorization for Ms. Kim Guilarte (Chief Operating Officer) the ability to execute, on behalf of the Board of Directors, all academic / education items and deliverables due to the individual sponsors, including but not limited to Out of Field Waivers, Employee Contracts, School Improvement Plans, Title 1 Budgets, District / State Deliverables, etc...
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Annual CIVICA Agreement for Architectural, Engineering and Facilities Support Consulting Services from 7/1/2024-7/1/2025; further approving release of payments when necessary.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to submit the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Plans; further authorizing the Chief Operating Officer the ability to execute.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the Board Chair & President to approve to submit the Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Reports for the period ending June 30, 2024.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive & file the Financial Statements for the quarter ending June 30, 2024.
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trips:
 - i. iMater Middle/High
 - ii. Mater Middle/High/Performing Arts
 - iii. Mater Academy Lakes
- j. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the School Improvement Plans, as necessary.
- k. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Progressive Discipline Acknowledgement & Policy; further directing all school to add the Acknowledgement & Policy as an attachment to the "Policy and Procedures for Charter School Compliance with School Safety and Security Requirements Set Forth in Florida Statutes and Rule 6A-1.0018; and Florida Administrative Code" manual, as created by each school using the board adopted template in June 2024.
 - i. *Each district school board and charter school governing board shall adopt a progressive discipline policy for addressing any instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2) and any administrative personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(3) who knowingly violate school safety requirements.*
- l. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Instructional Continuity Plans for the 2024-2025 school year; further requesting public comments if applicable.



- m. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Mental Health Plans, as submitted by the schools by the required due dates.
- n. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Resolutions by the Board Chair:
 - i. Approved the Title 1 Budget Appropriations Forms for the 2024-2025 school year for the necessary schools.
- o. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revisions to the Parent Involvement Representatives for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by C. Christian 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. The Foundation closed on the PK facility at Mater Academy Brighton Lakes
- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
 - i. 2023-2024 School Grades / Data Report
 - 1. Mater is an “A” District
 - 2. CMO update – Mater Ohio opened
- c. Financial Report
- d. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica
 - i. Mater Academy Miami Beach (Principal Marisol Gomez)
 - 1. Educational Enhancements through the City of Miami Beach Quality Education Committee (QEC)
 - a. Charter & Private schools are now included in programs and funding provided through the QEC
 - b. Mater Beach is projected to receive a little over \$216,000 in funds for 8 programs if approved in budget meetings scheduled for late September
 - c. Student/Teacher campaign to reach out to City of Miami Beach commissioners before this meeting
 - i. Student videos to post on social media tagging commissioners; please share through Mater Academy, Inc. social media

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

6. ADJOURNED MEETING AT 11:42AM



*The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on November 13, 2024.



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**Mater Academy, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 13, 2024**

Directors

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

Roberto Blanch, Esq., President *(Present)*
Kim Guilarte, Chief Operating Officer *(Present)*
Joseph L. Raia, Esq., Counsel for Mater Academy, Inc. *(Absent)*

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Minutes

1. **OPENING EXERCISES**
 - a. Call to Order at 11:10am
 - b. Established a Quorum
 - c. Reading of Vision by President Blanch
 - d. Special thanks for Principal Cruz for hosting today’s meeting
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - *None*
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** - *All items listed with letter designations are considered routine and were enacted by one motion.*
 - a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the September 9, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting.
 - 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 the Chief Operating Officer authority to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission (including any necessary additions).



- 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 to Ratify the Resolutions by the Board Chair:
 - i. Approved the Amendments to the School of Hope Performance-Based Agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Mater Academy, Inc.: Mater Academy SOLE.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revisions to the Parent Involvement Representatives for the 2024-2025 school year.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Virtual Educational Services and Support Agreements with Academica Virtual Education, LLC.

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 (*Roberto Blanch*)
 - i. Upcoming projects at Mater Biscayne Middle High
 - ii. Update on Central Florida projects / new sites.
 - iii. Pending claim on Central Florida site
 - iv. Kiwanis parking co-use agreement recently executed
 - v. Mater Grove expansion update
 - vi. Insurance update
 - vii. Narcoossee update – phase 2 lease addendum
 - viii. Mater Ohio Ribbon Cutting
- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
 - i. Mater Ohio Ribbon Cutting
 - ii. Texas update by Danny Diaz; new applications being submitted; a presentation will be given this evening for families in Texas who are interested in learning more about Mater Academy; all Florida principals and staff are encouraged to log in at 8pm EST.
 - iii. New School Update by Julio Robaina
 - 1. 2025-2026
 - a. SOLE Mia
 - b. Mater Brighton Lakes next phase
 - 2. Other sites will be reported on at a later date, including Mater Bay expansion costs and other new sites.
- c. Financial Report



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- i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed & approved the Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Reports for the period ending June 30, 2024; including ratification of all necessary Year End Grants and/or Loans.

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

- ii. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed & approved the Revised Annual Budgets for the individual schools.

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

d. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 11:47AM**

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on February 3, 2025.



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**Mater Academy, Inc. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 9, 2024**

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)*

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Minutes

1. OPENING EXERCISES

- a. Called to Order at 10:32am
- b. Established a Quorum

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Special Item by the President and Board Counsel *(Roberto Blanch & Joe Raia)*
 - i. Review of Property and Liability Insurance Program Renewal
 - ii. All 3 options provide savings to the program; \$520,000 in savings (29.92% rate reduction); the recommendation is to select the traditional program for least exposure; includes Active Shooter coverage.
 - iii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved renewing under the traditional program with the savings as noted.



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

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**
5. **ADJOURN MEETING AT 10:52AM**

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on February 3, 2025.



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**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)*

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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



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.



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.



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Mater Academy, Inc. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 1, 2025

Directors

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

Roberto Blanch, Esq., President *(Present)*
Kim Guilarte, Chief Operating Officer *(Present)*
Joseph L. Raia, Esq., Counsel for Mater Academy, Inc. *(Present)*

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Minutes

1. **OPENING EXERCISES**

- a. Called to Order at 11:17am
- b. Established a Quorum

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

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

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the February 3, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.
- 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 the Chief Operating Officer authority to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission (including any necessary additions).



- 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 to Ratify the Resolutions by the Board Chair:
 - i. Misc. Waivers
 - ii. Charter School Contract Amendment Requests
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trips:
 - i. Mater Academy Grove - May 18-23 Close-Up in Washington DC for select 7th and 8th Grade students.
 - ii. Mater Academy Biscayne Middle High - Ireland & Scotland with EF Tours in 2025
 - iii. iMater Middle High – Columbus, Ohio
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Non-Exclusive Space Usage Agreement and License between Mater Brickell Academy and Mater Virtual Academy (private).
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the 2025-2026 Anticipated Enrollment Capacities:
 - i. Mater Academy Brighton Lakes
 - 1. K-8: 1496
 - 2. 9-12: 679
 - 3. Total 2175
 - ii. Mater Academy St. Cloud – 639

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. Report on planned 2025 Bonds – Several projected improvement projects on campuses owned by MAF and leased by the schools; to max. the flexibility of the Board to authorize investigating \$100M in bonds in 2025; reviewing what is the best time to go to the market and what the construction timelines will be; requesting authorization to continue to explore the issuance of the bonds to come back at a later date with the results of such review.
 - 1. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to ratify actions already taken place with this regard and to approve to authorize the President to continue to explore the issuance of the bonds and to come back at a later date with the results of such review.

Motion to approve by Yasmeeen Hasan; second by Shannie Sadesky; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to amend the name of “Mater Jack Brack Middle School” to “Judy Marty Collegiate Academy, a Mater Academy School”.



Motion to approve by C. Crousillat; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously

- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
 - i. CMO update
- c. Report by Academica Nevada (*Ryan Reeves*)
 - i. Mater Nevada Projects & Potential Projects
- d. Review & Approval of School Projects and/or Purchases:
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Mater Academy Grove - 1st Floor Canopy \$515k project for \$515k (*paid by operating*); further approving to award the job to Turin Construction.
Motion to approve by Idalia Suarez; second by Yasmeeen Hasan; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the iMater Middle High – Bus Parking / Dumpster Relocation Project for \$525k (*paid by operating*).
Motion to approve by Idalia Suarez; second by Shannie Sadesky; motion passed unanimously
- e. Financial Report
- f. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 12:00PM**

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on June 10, 2025.



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**Mater Academy, Inc. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 10, 2025**

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)*
Yasmeen Hasan *(Present)*

Roberto Blanch, Esq., President *(Present)*
Kim Guilarte, Chief Operating Officer *(Present)*
Joseph L. Raia, Esq., Counsel for Mater Academy, Inc. *(Present)*

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Minutes

1. OPENING EXERCISES

- a. Called to Order at 11:04am
- b. Established a 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 were enacted by one motion.

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the April 1, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive & file the quarterly financials for the period ending March 31, 2024.



- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Parent Involvement Representatives for the 2025-2026 school year and adoption of revised Procedures for Addressing Concerns.
 - i. *Note: Proposed changes eliminates the step to address the Board at a public board meeting and replaces the final step with discussing concerns with a grievance committee.*
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Annual Ratification & Reapproval of Board Policies & Procedures, including:
 - i. General Board Policies & Procedures
 - 1. Conflict of Interest (*Each Board Member is required to sign and return the written acceptance form*)
 - 2. Ethics
 - 3. Whistle Blower
 - 4. Bylaws
 - ii. Student Policies
 - 1. Anti-Discrimination Policy / Title IX
 - 2. Out of State and Country Field Trip Policy
 - 3. Student Enrollment Lottery Policy
 - 4. Internet Safety Policy
 - iii. Financial Policies.
 - iv. Policy and Procedures for Charter School Compliance with School Safety and Security Requirements template (each school must complete their own document using the approved template). Further approving attached additional policies that are not included in the state template (Involuntary Examinations, Tornado Watch, Progressive Discipline).
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the Board President or Chair the ability to approve any year-end financial items which may be necessary to close the books.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Preliminary Board of Directors Meeting Schedule for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Accept the Annual Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information. Further approving to adopt the FERPA Hearing Procedures and authorizing the Board Chair the ability to make necessary changes as reviewed by legal and staff.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the CIVICA Architectural, Engineering and Facilities Support Services Consulting Services from 7/1/2025 through 7/1/2026.
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Out of Field, ESOL and/or Gifted Waiver Assignments or Endorsement Resolution (dated 4/25/25) for the 2024-2025 school year for Mater Beach Academy.



- j. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the submittal of new charter school applications for the 2025 & 2026 cycle.
- k. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the schools the ability to Opt-In/Out of the Sponsor's Mental Health Assistance Plan or work Lilian Salazar to develop their own.
- l. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Members and Officers for the 2025-2026 School Year:
 - i. Cesar Christian Crousillat, Board Chair
 - ii. Shannie Sadesky, Vice-Chair
 - iii. Idalia Suarez, Secretary
 - iv. Maurene Sotero Balmaseda
 - v. Maria Beatriz ("Betty") Nuñez
 - vi. Yasmeeen Hasan
 - vii. Roberto Blanch, Esq., President (*Non-Voting*)

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Shannie Sadesky; second by C. Crousillat; motion passed unanimously

4. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Report & Items by the President and Board Counsel (*Roberto Blanch & Joe Raia*)
 - i. Seeking bond financing for \$165M (increased from \$125M); review of schools and projects to be included with estimated costs; each item will still require Board approval in the future; today's action is not approval of the actual project.
 - 1. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize to increase the maximum amount of bond funds request from \$125M to \$165M; further authorizing the investigation into the new projects; further investigate possible number student stations at Mater East due to local government concerns (i.e. traffic).
Motion to approve by C. Crousillat; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. Facilities/Projects Update by Rolando Llanes
- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
 - i. No report was provided at today's meeting.
- c. Financial Report (*Alina Chester*)
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Final 2024-2025 Annual Budgets and the Proposed 2025-2026 Annual Budgets.
Motion to approve by Idalia Suarez; second by C. Crousillat; motion passed unanimously
- d. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica
 - i. Legislative Update by Julio Robaina



- ii. Principal Rovirosa requests a 2nd AP; it is discussed and agreed to meet individually to further discuss.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

- a. President Blanch congratulates all of the schools on their amazing academic achievements and further congratulates all of the high schools on their beautiful Graduation ceremonies.

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

*The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on September 24, 2025.