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**Mater Academy, Inc. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 24, 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 11:09am
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Special welcome to members of the public who are joining us today.
- d. Presentation: Mater Academy Brickell - Business Food Lab Program In Partnership with Farm Stores & BEVe (Yensis & Maurice)

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 June 10, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.



- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field and/or ESOL Waiver Assignments for the 2025-2026 school year; further authorizing the Board Chair and/or 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 Budgets / Appropriation Details Forms for the 2025-2026 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools; further approving necessary revisions and authorizing Kim Guilarte the authority and direction to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission throughout the school year.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to submit the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Plans.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trips:
 - i. iMater Preparatory Academy High School – New Haven, CT, January 2026 for Model UN
 - ii. Mater Academy Narcoossee
 - 1. Secondary Students: Boston, Massachusetts 3/11/2026 - 3/13/2026
 - 2. Business Academy: Detroit, Michigan 11/12/2025 to 11/15/2025
 - 3. Honors Choir; New York City 4/16/2026 to 4/21/2026
 - iii. Mater Academy Bay - Italy – March 2026
 - iv. Mater Academy Palms – Washington DC, June 2026
 - v. Mater Academy Middle/High
 - 1. Baseball – Puerto Rico, March 2026
 - 2. Baseball – Georgia, Feb. 2025
 - 3. Baseball – Nevada, March 2026
 - 4. DECA – April 2026
 - 5. IRHS Robotics - Missouri, TBA
 - 6. Wrestling – Georgia, April 2026
 - vi. Mater Biscayne Middle/High
 - 1. EF Tours: The Alps and Mediterranean, March 19-29, 2026
 - 2. EF Tours: Japan: Land of the Rising Sun
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to continue the authorization for the 2025-2026 school year to authorize 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...
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the individual Principals (as the board designee) to sign for all state and federal grant forms as they relate to their school.
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify Resolutions by the Board Chair:



- i. Approved to designate Kim Guilarte as the Interim Principal of Mater Academy SoLé MSID 5414. (06.30.25)
 - ii. Approved to designate Milagros Ramos as the Principal of Mater Academy SoLé Mia #5414. (07.28.25)
 - iii. Approved to request for Mater Academy SoLé Mia #5414 to open in a temporary location if the permanent site is not complete by the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The temporary location will be at the Mater Academy Biscayne Campus (12900 NE 17 Ave., North Miami, FL, 33181). The school shall limit capacity while at this site to up to 100 students serving grades K-2. (07.29.25)
 - iv. Approved the Individual Charter School Title I Budgets / Appropriation Details Forms for the 2025-2026 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools; further approving necessary revisions and authorizing Kim Guilarte the authority and direction to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission throughout the school year. (07.30.25)
 - v. Approved to renew the Mater Academy East Charter School (MSID 3100) charter school contract for a 15-year term. (08.21.25)
- j. Mater Academy Private Virtual School Items
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the additional location for Mater Virtual Academy at Mater Academy located at 7901 NW 103 Street, Hialeah Gardens, FL 33016
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to designate Alex Tamargo as the Principal for the additional location
 - iii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved for MVA (private school) to apply for the FLDOE for an additional site and for scholarship funding
 - iv. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the use agreement between Mater Virtual Academy and Mater Academy for one classroom but subject to change based on enrollment
 - v. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Blended Lab Network Memorandum of Understanding Between Mater Virtual Academy and Mater Academy, Inc.
 - vi. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Blended Lab Network Memorandum of Understanding Between Mater Virtual Academy and SLAM Network Schools
 - vii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Virtual Charter School Virtual Instruction Provider Agreement Between Somerset Virtual Academy and Mater Academy, Inc.
- k. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the revision to the Mater Academy/ADP Employee Handbook to include mandatory self-reporting policies for all schools.
- l. **APPROVED:** The Board approved and ratified the Mental Health Allocation Plans.
- m. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to amend “Exhibit A” of the Charter School Educational Services and Support Agreement to include the following new school(s) which opened this school year:
 - i. Mater Academy SoLé Mia #5414

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. Bond report and updates
- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
 - i. Report by Ryan Reeves for Out of State campuses
- c. Facility Report and Updates (*Julio Robaina/Rolando Llanes*)
 - i. Mater Narcoossee
 - ii. Mater St. Cloud
 - iii. Mater Brighton Lakes
 - iv. Mater Northwood – *New - June 2026 est. completion date; phase 1 is for 600 students
 - v. Texas
 - vi. Others as necessary
 - 1. Mater Sole Mia – moving as quickly possibly
- d. Action & Discussion Items
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved reviewed & approved the Background Screening Policy for applicants seeking employment on or after July 1, 2025.
Motion to approve by Idalia Suarez; second by Shannie Sadesky; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. Discussed: Mandatory Completion of I-9s for All Employees (*Carolina Romero*)
- e. Financial Report
 - i. Enrollment Update
- f. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

6. ADJOURNED MEETING AT 12:43PM



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*The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on November 20, 2025.



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**Mater Academy, Inc. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 20, 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 1:31pm
- 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 September 24, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **Pulled:** The Board approved the Board Resolutions for Out of Field and/or ESOL and/or Gifted Waiver Assignments for the 2025-2026 school year; further authorizing the Board Chair



and/or Chief Operating Officer authority to review and make necessary changes and execute for submission (including any necessary additions).

- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trips:
 - i. Mater Academy Biscayne Middle/High School - EF Explore America Tour Washington DC & Williamsburg (Tour #2853492VU) / Date: March 21-25, 2026
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify Resolutions by the Chair:
 - i. Approved Misc. Out of Field and/or ESOL and/or Gifted Waiver Assignments for the 2025-2026 school year
 - ii. Approved to continue to utilize the Doral Leadership Institute Consortium of Public Charter Schools Instructional Personnel Evaluation System and School Administrator Evaluation System as the Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Tool.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved Mater Academy SoLé Mia Facility Sublease Agreement contingent upon review by Board Counsel; further authorizing the President the ability to execute final lease.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Mater Academy St. Cloud Addendum to Facility Lease Agreement contingent upon review by Board Counsel; further authorizing the President the ability to execute final lease.

Motion to approve 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. Update on bond projects and cost estimates; lease rate scenarios.
 - 1. Due to the new information, Kim requests that the budgets be tabled today to allow more time to update them and ensure accuracy.
 - ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the President along with Board Counsel and the “bond team” to move forward on the \$50-53M bond transaction.
Motion by Shannie Sadesky; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously
- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
 - i. Accreditation
 - ii. NSLP Audit
- c. Tabled: Facility Report and Updates (*Julio Robaina/Rolando Llanes*)
- d. Financial Report



- i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved to accept the Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Reports for the period ending June 30, 2025, including ratification of all necessary Year-End Grants and/or Loans.

Motion by Shannie Sadesky; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously

- ii. Tabled: Revised Annual Budgets

- e. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 2:20PM**

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**Mater Academy, Inc. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 9, 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 *(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 2:32pm
- 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 November 20, 2025 Board of Director’s Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Resolution(s) for additional Out of Field and/or ESOL Waiver Assignments for the 2025-2026 school year, as necessary.



- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the transfers from the individual Mater Academy schools to the Mater Academy, Inc. account for investment purposes.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive & file the Financial Statements for the quarter ending September 30, 2025.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Shannie Sadesky; second by Yasmeeen Hasan; motion passed unanimously

4. **ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Windstorm & Flood Insurance Proposal, as discussed.
 - i. Reduced premiums over \$600k from last year; deductibles remain the same; Mater also has a GL policy that is separate and is due in February; today's rate includes Active Shooter and Terrorist Attack coverage.

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

- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Annual Budgets.
 - i. Review of schools that are reflecting deficits; SOH funding has not been received and does not seem promising; working with schools to help where it can be done; Mater Lakes has made positive changes once addressed; expressed concerns with Brickell as the deficit is the largest there; Chris would like this matter reviewed and address prior to the next board meeting; Robbie states that he will review Brickell and will meet with them to determine immediate corrections; bond holder consent is required to reduce rent.

Motion to approve by Maurene Sotero Balmaseda; second by C. Crousillat; motion passed unanimously

5. **ADJOURN MEETING AT 3:01PM**

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 February 2, 2026.



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**Mater Academy, Inc. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 2, 2026**

Directors

Cesar Christian Crousillat, Board Chair (*Present*)
Shannie Sadesky, Vice-Chair (*Absent*)
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*)

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Minutes

1. OPENING EXERCISES

- a. Called to Order at 10:05am
- 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 will be enacted by one motion.

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the December 9, 2025 Board of Director’s Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Board Resolution for additional Out of Field and/or ESOL Waiver Assignments for the 2025-2026 school year, as necessary.



- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive & file the Financial Statements for the quarter ending December 31, 2025.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Florida School Recognition Funds Allocation Plans for schools that do not have a SAC/EESAC/or other approved parent organization.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved School Projects and/or Purchases:
 - i. Ratification of Board President's Approval for Mater Academy Narcoossee to purchase an additional bus for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 (paid by operating).
 - ii. Ratification of Board President's Approval for Mater Academy St. Cloud to purchase an additional bus for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 (paid by operating).
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Title 1 Budgets
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Out of State and/or Country Field Trips:
 - i. Mater Academy St. Cloud – Washington, DC 3/8/2026 to 3/11/2026
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the Board Chair to submit any necessary charter school amendments by March 1st, including but not limited to:
 - i. Request 15-year contract terms for any newly designated High Performing Schools.
 - ii. Request any other necessary HP amendment requests as necessary.
 - 1. Including (but not limited to) the consolidation of Mater Academy Charter Middle School (6012), Mater Academy Charter High School (7160), and Mater Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy (7014); further approving a name change to “Mater Academy Middle High School”.
 - iii. Request any other misc./necessary amendment requests

Motion to approve by Idalia Suarez; second by Yameen Hasan; motion passed unanimously

4. **ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Report & Items by the President and Board Counsel (*Roberto Blanch & Joe Raia*)
- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer (*Kim Guilarte-Gil*)
- c. Facility Report and Updates (*Julio Robaina/Rolando Llanes*)
- d. Financial Report/Updates (*Alina Chester/Ana Martinez*)
- e. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the authorization for Mater Academy, Inc. to open a wholly owned subsidiary to operate private schools in Texas.

Motion to approve by Idalia Suarez; second by Yameen Hasan; motion passed unanimously



5. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 10:36AM**

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**Mater Academy, Inc. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 4, 2026**

Directors

Cesar Christian Crousillat, Board Chair *(Absent)*
Shannie Sadesky, Vice-Chair *(Absent)*
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)*

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Minutes

1. OPENING EXERCISES

- a. Called to Order at 2:33pm
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Special welcome to members of the public who are joining us today.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Bond Transaction & New Lease Terms/Rates *(Roberto Blanch, Joe Raia, David Cohen)*
 - i. Discussed the individual projects to be funded by new bonds
 - ii. Discussed the changes to the leases: (i) term reset to 35 years; (ii) rent per student for 25-26 school year is the same as before (\$1346.61), rent per student for 26-27 will go up to reflect an overall annual escalator of 3.37% from the original bond rate of \$1250/student,



and thereafter return to the 1.5% annual capped increase; and (iii) three schools have increased minimum enrollments for rent purposes, reflecting new facilities: Mater East, Mater Biscayne, Mater Brighton Lakes; one school has a modest increased minimum reflecting converting of non-education space to classrooms: Mater Elementary.

1. Amended and Restated Lease and Security Agreements
 - a. Mater Academy Brickell Middle High
 - b. iMater Elementary
 - c. iMater Middle/High School
 - d. Mater Academy Kiwanis
 - e. Mater Elementary School at 8003 NW 103rd Street
 - f. Mater Academy East Elementary
 - g. Mater Academy Bay School
 - h. Mater Brighton Lakes K-12
 - i. Mater Lakes Academy
 - j. Doral College at 12900 NE 17th Ave, North Miami, Florida
2. Amended and Restated Consent to Sublease - Doral College, Inc.
3. Amended and Restated Sublease - 3200-3250 Pleasant Hill Road
4. Amended and Restated Sublease – Doral College at 12900 NE 17th Ave, North Miami, Florida

iii. Discussed the bond documents in general

iv. Bond issuance and project schedule

- v. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the lease terms and project/project budgets, as discussed and presented.

Motion to approve by Betty Nuez; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously

b. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica

- i. None

4. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 2:50PM**

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**Mater Academy, Inc. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 31, 2026**

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 *(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 10:11am
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Special welcome to members of the public who are joining us today.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Bond Transaction Action Items *(Roberto Blanch, Joe Raia, David Cohen, Richard Moreno)*
 - i. David Cohen reviews the transaction and projects (approx. \$50M/all in \$60M); review of projects are at several different locations; review of future rent increases; hoping for 5-5.5% interest rate; discussed “Official Statement” and review of other documents provided; Joe Raia reviewed the timeline.



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- ii. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the adoption of the written resolution which outlines all necessary bond actions needed to close the transaction (noting the amount to be filled in \$60M and overall average interest rate amended to 5.5%).

Motion to approve by C. Crousillat; second by Betty Nunez; motion passed unanimously

4. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 10:45AM BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

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**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)*

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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.



- 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



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 11th (Annual Meeting)

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

i. Mater Academy Narcoosee (Monica Cueto) – May 16th

ii. Mater Brickell High (Doug Rodriguez) – May 18th

iii. iMater Prep High (Teresa Santalo) – May 26th

iv. Mater Academy High School (Alex Tamargo) – May 27th

v. Mater Bay High (Brenda Cruz) – May 28th

vi. Mater Biscayne High (Victor Rodriguez) – May 30th

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.



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**Mater Academy, Inc. | Mater Academy Central, Inc.
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 26, 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)*

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Minutes

1. OPENING EXERCISES

- a. Called to Order at 11:07am
- b. Established a Quorum
- c. Special welcome to members of the public who are joining us today.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Report & Items by the President and Board Counsel *(Roberto Blanch & Joe Raia)*
 - i. Board Membership – Discussed recent legislation regarding charter school landlords and board membership; as Mater Foundation serves as the landlord for several sites, in an effort to align the Foundation Board with current legislation; proposing the following updates:
 1. Idalia Suarez (as Board Chair), Maurene Sotero Balmaseda and Yasmeen Hasan (as Secretary) to remain on the Mater Academy, Inc. and Mater Academy Central, Inc. Boards.



2. Cesar Christian Crousillat, Shannine Sadesky and Betty Nunez to serve on the Mater Foundation Board.
3. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the following Board Members & Officer Positions for Mater Academy, Inc. and Mater Academy Central, Inc., effective immediately:
 - a. Idalia Suarez, Director & Board Chair
 - b. Yasmeen Hasan, Director & Secretary
 - c. Maurene Sotero Balmaseda, Director
 - d. Including the resignations of Cesar Christian Crousillat, Shannie Sadesky and Maria Beatriz (“Betty”) Nuñez from the Board of Directors.

Motion to approve by Maureen; second by Chris; motion passed unanimously

4. **ADJOURN MEETING AT 11:30AM BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

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



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
June 16, 2026**

Directors

Idalia Suarez, Board Chair *(Present)*
Yasmeen Hasan, Secretary *(Present)*
Maurene Sotero Balmaseda *(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. Called to Order at 1:01pm
- 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 22nd and May 26th Board of Director's Meetings.
- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to receive & file the Financial Statements for the quarter ending March 31, 2026.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved for the Chief Operating Officer to appoint and amend (as needed) the Parent Involvement Representatives / Parent Conflict Liaisons for the 2026-2027 school year.



- c. **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
 - 5. Florida High School Athletic Association Participation & Adoption of Bylaws
 - 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)
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the Board Chair and/or President the ability to approve any year-end financial items which may be necessary to close the books.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Preliminary Board of Directors Meeting Schedule for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- f. **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.
- g. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Adoption of the Wellness Policy.
- h. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Mental Health Plan(s).
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Mater Academy Davenport Elementary & Middle School Intent to Renew Form.
- j. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify Resolutions by the Board Chair:
 - i. Approved to adopt the charter school contract template as recently negotiated by Academica and Mater Academy, Inc. for several MDCPS contract amendments.



- k. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the School Purchases and/or Project Requests: *(Note: Each project listed has been reviewed and determined to be fiscally acceptable):*
- i. Mater Academy St. Cloud
 - 1. Covered Canopy Bus Drop Off Project for an amount not to exceed \$299,000 (paid by operating).
 - 2. Sports Court & Turf Project for an amount not to exceed \$122,000 (paid by operating).
 - ii. Mater Academy Gardens
 - 1. Cafeteria LED Screen for an amount not to exceed \$80,660 (paid by operating)
 - 2. Exterior Painting for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 (paid by operating)
 - 3. Kitchen Floor Renovations for an amount not to exceed \$66,000 (paid by operating)
 - iii. Mater Academy Davenport Parking Lot Addition - Gravel-Filled Turf Block System for an amount not to exceed \$93,000.
 - iv. Mater Academy Miami Beach
 - 1. Turf Project for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.
 - 2. Parking Lot Project for an amount not to exceed \$26,000.
- l. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to add Mater Academy Northwood Elementary (#TBD) and Mater Academy Northwood Middle School (#TBA) to the ESP Agreement with Academica.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Idalia Suarez; second by Maurene Sotero Balmaseda; motion passed unanimously

4. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Report & Items by the President and Board Counsel *(Roberto Blanch & Joe Raia)*
- i. Table: Mater Private Schools of Texas Bylaws
 - ii. Favorable offerings on the bond
- b. Report & Items by the Chief Operating Officer *(Kim Guilarte-Gil)*
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the following Principal Appointments:
 - 1. Anabel Verez as the Principal of Mater Academy SoLé Mia (#5414)
 - 2. Victor Rodriguez as the Principal of Mater Biscayne Academy North Miami Elementary School (#2022)
 - 3. Esther Towers as Principal of Mater Academy Northwood Elementary (#TBD) and Mater Academy Northwood Middle School (#TBA).

Motion to approve by Idalia Suarez; second by second by Maurene Sotero Balmaseda; motion passed unanimously
 - ii. February 18th – Accreditation Review
- c. Financial Report *(Alina Chester)*
- i. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Final 2025-2026 Annual Budgets.



- ii. **APPROVED:** The Board reviewed and approved the Proposed 2026-2027 Annual Budgets.

Motion to approve by Idalia Suarez; second by second by Maurene Sotero Balmaseda; motion passed unanimously

- d. Additional Items by the Board, Principals or Academica

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

- a. Happy Summer!!

6. **ADJOURNED MEETING AT 1:17PM**

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on September 23, 2026.
