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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
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)*

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. 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).



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- 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.