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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  
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)*

*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.*

**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



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- 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.



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- 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



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