



MATER ACADEMY

ALMA MATER STUDIORUM

*The Mater Academy vision is to provide students a viable educational choice that offers an innovative, rigorous and seamless college-preparatory curriculum, providing Mater students, at every level (PK-12) with a competitive advantage, thus enabling students to become confident, self-directed, and responsible life-long learners.*

**Mater Academy, Inc.  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
October 1, 2018**

**Directors**

Cesar Christian Crousillat, Board Chair (Present)  
Shannie Sadesky, Vice-Chair (Present)  
Idalia Suarez, Secretary (Present)  
Maurene Sotero Balmaseda (Absent)  
Javier Jerez (Absent)

Roberto Blanch, Esq., President (Present)  
Judith Marty, Director of Academics (Present)  
Joseph L. Raia, Esq., Counsel for Mater Academy, Inc. (Present)

**Minutes**

**1. OPENING EXERCISES**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Establish Quorum
- c. Ribbon cutting was held this morning for the new Mater Academy St. Cloud site. Special thanks and applause to Carmen and her staff.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. There were no comment by the public.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the August 28, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Minutes from the September 7, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Hallway Repair Project at Mater Miami Beach for approximately \$13,000.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to renew the Civica Architectural, Engineering and Facilities Support Services Consulting Services Agreement from 7/1/2018 to 7/1/2019.
- e. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the individual Revised and/or New Charter School Title I Budget Appropriation Details Forms for the 2018-2019 school year for the Title 1 distinguished schools.
- f. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the out of field waiver(s) for instructional personnel with out of field assignments.
  - i. Mater Academy of International Studies #1017
  - ii. iMater Academy (Elementary) #5384



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*Motion to approve the consent agenda by Shannie Sadesky; second by Idalia; motion passed unanimously*

#### 4. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to adopt teacher evaluation document “Using Student Data Assessment Results for Teacher Evaluations”.  
*Motion to approve by Shannie Sadesky; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously*
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved the Revised Budget for Mater Academy Bay.
  - i. Additional loans are necessary for the building build-out; eventual student increase to 1200; loans should be re-paid in a short time period.  
*Motion to approve by Idalia Suarez; second by Shannie Sadesky; motion passed unanimously.*
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to request to reassign the Mater Academy Virtual Charter School contract to Somerset Virtual Academy, Inc.
  - i. This action is being taken as a first step to consolidate the three virtual schools due to low enrollment.  
*Motion to approve by Shannie Sadesky; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously*
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the President & Chair to work with Counsel to propose acceptable revisions to the SLAM Bylaws in order to cooperate with and address concerns expressed by the District.
  - i. This comment was made last year and never addressed: “Please have the school's board address the following: 1. Section 1.2: No compensation is permitted for board members/directors; 3.8: Four meetings are required by contract; 3.8 and 3.11: references to 3.11 are incorrect - 3.11 has nothing to do with "Notice"; 3.10: at least 5-day notices to the public are required. Request revision and resubmit.”- Alina Diaz
  - ii. President Blanch states that as long as the above are the only issues and that the district no longer wishes to remove the provisions for a single membership entity, then he agrees to revise the bylaws in order to address and resolve the foregoing concerns raised by the District.  
*Motion to approve by Shannie Sadesky; second by Idalia Suarez; motion passed unanimously*
- e. Other Items by the President, Board, Staff, or ESSP
  - i. Rolando provides a facility update on ongoing projects; City of Miami issued an approval for the Brickell site; site is estimated for 2021; Mater Lakes gymnasium is in permitting; Mater STEM update – expecting a Feb/March completion -- per the last meeting, construction meetings were held and the contractor could not deliver the building by December as hoped; Mater Elem building should be complete in November; bridge nearly complete at Mater High campus. Boys & Girls Club Settlement; President Blanch and Rolando attended a parent meeting to discuss new traffic pattern and parent concerns with procedures for drop off and pick up; Key Biscayne site update-- discussed opening date and disagreement with the district on whether it is a 2019 or a 2020 opening; working on an MOU with Kiwanis for the Mater East High facility.

#### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

- a. Next Board Meeting is November 14, 2018.
- b. Shannie discusses the charity that she spoke about at the last board meeting; dress down day is scheduled for a date in October; she will distribute the info to the schools.
- c. Stay tuned for info on the 20 year celebration possibly end of January.

#### 6. ADJOURN MEETING



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The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on November 28, 2018.