

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.
June 18, 2024**

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 4:30 PM. This Meeting was held at Sunrise High School, located at 424 West Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

The following Governing Board Members appeared virtually via Zoom: Chairperson, Ms. Beth Adelman, Mr. Ira Paul, and Mr. Douglas Shelton. Mr. Robert Holland and Mr. Martin Burkett were absent from the meeting.

The following guests also appeared via Zoom: Dr. Eunice Casey, Vice President of Operations, EdisonLearning; Mendi Riggins, Procurement & School Compliance Manager, EdisonLearning; Susan DeAngelo, Talent Acquisition Specialist, EdisonLearning; Thomas Sternberg, Tripp Scott, LLP; Jeff Wood, Tripp Scott, LLP; Dr. Tony Arza; Arza and Associates; Dr. Sharard Walker, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Dr. Theola Moore, Dean of Academics, Chambers High School; Dr. Dwayne Stewart, Principal, Main Street High School; Kerry-Ann Brammer, Principal, Andrews High School; Alexandra Plaza, Dean of Academics, Main Street High School; Alejandro Madrigal, Principal, CG Bethel High School; Chris Skierski, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Middle School; Michelle Schmitt, Vice President of Finance and Treasurer, EdisonLearning; and Debra Bella, Osceola School District.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was chaired by the Board Chairperson, Ms. Beth Adelman. Ms. Mendi Riggins recorded the Minutes and conducted a roll call. Ms. Adelman noted that Mr. Douglas Shelton, Mr. Ira Paul were present and that Mr. Robert Holland and Mr. Martin Burkett was absent from the meeting.

A quorum was present.

There were no requests for public comment.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the May Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

On a motion by Mr. Shelton and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to ratify the following actions performed by the Board Chairwoman, prior to the Board meeting.

Andrews High School

- Charter School Teacher Salary Expenditure Report

CG Bethel High School

- Youth Mental Health Attestation Form 7062

Chambers High School

- Youth Mental Health Attestation Form 7062

Main Street High School

- Audit Engagement Letter

Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy

- FY24 Charter Reimbursement Request Letter

Sunrise High School

- Charter School Teacher Salary Expenditure Report

NorthStar Academies

- Settlement Agreement and Release – NorthStar Academies
(Andrews High School & Sunrise High School)

The Board Chair, presented the Board with the 2024-2025 Governing Board meeting schedule. No vote was required.

Dr. Arza provided the Board with a legislative update. No vote was required.

Mr. Sternberg provided the Board with an overview of the Settlement Agreement for the Broward County Schools, for Andrews High School and Sunrise High School.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Settlement Agreement for the Broward County Schools.

Mr. Sternberg updated the Board regarding the OIG complaint against Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy. It was reported that documentation has been gather, and that interviews are being conducted within the week.

Mr. Sternberg provided the Board with an update on Main Street High School's Charter Renewal Agreement. The school is awaiting a final draft from the District, which should be in alignment with the standard Charter contract.

Ms. Schmitt provided the Board with a review of the financial reports and updates for the following NorthStar Academies:

- 1 . Andrews High School
- 2 . CG Bethel High School
- 3 . Chambers High School
- 4 . Main Street High School
- 5 . Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy
- 6 . Sunrise High School

A complete copy of the financial reports for each school was included in the Board packet distributed for the Board's review prior to the meeting. On a motion by Mr. Shelton and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for each of the above schools.

Ms. Schmitt provided the Board with a review of the 2024-2025 Budgets and updates for the following NorthStar Academies:

- 1 . Andrews High School
- 2 . CG Bethel High School
- 3 . Chambers High School
- 4 . Main Street High School
- 5 . Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy
- 6 . PBPCA Middle School
- 7 . Sunrise High School

A complete copy of the financial reports for each school was included in the Board packet, distributed for the Board's review prior to the meeting. On a motion by Mr. Shelton and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the financial reports as presented for each of the above schools.

Dr. Casey provided the Board with an overview of the principal evaluations, which entails the general expectations as leaders in the NorthStar Academies Schools. The NorthStar Academies Non-Negotiables were also presented to the Board.

Dr. Casey presented the Board with a year-to-date overview of Chambers High School's compliance measures under the leadership of Daniel Walke. The school failed to meet the requirements of the EdisonLearning Achievement Framework; and therefore, Mr. Walke's contract was not renewed for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Walke's last day of employment was Monday, June 10, 2024. A brief discussion ensued, after which Dr. Casey stated she would provide the Districts' rating for all schools when they are published.

Dr. Casey presented Dr. Theola Moore, Dean of Academic at Chambers High School, as the candidate of choice to act as Principal in Training for Chambers High School. Dr. Moore presented the Board with her credentials and her talents that she believes makes her the appropriate person to lead Chambers High School.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously agreed to the appointment of Dr. Theola Moore as Principal-in-Training at Chambers High School.

Dr. Casey presented Dr. Dwayne Stewart, Principal of Main Street High School, as the candidate of choice to transfer

into the role of Principal at Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy. Dr. Stewart presented the Board with his credentials.

On a motion by Mr. Shelton and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to the appointment of Dr. Dwayne Stewart as principal of Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy.

Dr. Casey presented Mrs. Alexandra Plaza, Dean of Academic at Main Street High School, as the candidate of choice to act as Principal in Training for Main Street High School. Mrs. Plaza presented the Board with her credentials and her talents that she believes makes her the appropriate person to lead Main Street High School.

On a motion by Mr. Shelton and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to the appointment of Mrs. Plaza as Principal-in-Training at Main Street High School.

Dr. Casey presented Mr. Chris Skierski, as the candidate of choice to act as Principal in Training for Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Middle School. Mr. Skierski presented the Board with his credentials and his talents that he believes makes him the appropriate person to lead Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Middle School.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously agreed to the appointment of Mr. Skierski as Principal-in-Training at Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Middle School.

The following principals provided the Board with an end of the year overview of their school's performance:

- Dr. Stewart – Main Street High School
- Ms. Joseph – Sunrise High School
- Mr. Madrigal – CG Bethel High School

Mrs. Schmitt made the request for the Board to approve the liquidation of the promissory note between NorthStar Academies and EdisonLearning, on behalf of NorthStar Academy of Pinellas County.

On a motion by Mr. Shelton and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the transfer of funds from the NorthStar account to liquidate of the promissory note between NorthStar Academies and EdisonLearning.

Dr. Walker provided the Board with update on the strategic growth and development plan for the 2024-2025 school year, as well as the potential growth in Osceola, Palm Beach and Miami Dade Counties. No vote was required.

Ms. DeAngelo provided the Board with the personnel report. No vote was required.

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15p.m. on a motion by Mr. Shelton and a second by Mr. Paul.

Beth Adelman
By: [Beth Adelman \(Sep 13, 2024 12:39 CDT\)](#)
Title: Governing Board Chairwoman