

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.
April 30, 2025**

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Wednesday, April 30th, 2025, at 4:00 PM. This meeting was held at Sandra Marie Curtis High School- 424 W Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

The following Governing Board Members appeared virtually *via* Zoom: Chairperson, Beth Adelman; Vice Chair, Mr. Robert Holland; Board Treasurer, Mr. Ira Paul; and Mr. Martin Burkett.

The following guests also appeared *via* Zoom: Thom Jackson, Pres. & CEO, EdisonLearning; Dr. Eunice Casey, Vice President of School Operations, EdisonLearning; Dr. Sharard Walker, Vice President of Strategic Growth and Development, NorthStar Academies; Nia Bridges, Executive Assistant, EdisonLearning; Thomas Sternberg, Tripp Scott, LLP; Jeff Wood, Tripp Scott, LLP; Dr. Tony Arza, Arza and Associates; Dr. Dwayne Stewart, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Kerry-Ann Brammer, Principal, Andrews High School; Charmayne Joseph, Principal, Sandra Marie Curtis High School.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair, Mr. Robert Holland. Ms. Nia Bridges recorded the Minutes and conducted a call. Following the roll call, Ms. Adelman noted that Mr. Martin Burkett, Mr. Ira Paul, and Mr. Robert Holland, were present and Mr. Douglas Shelton was absent from the meeting. A quorum was present.

There were no requests for public comment.

General Counsel addressed an issue concerning the charter agreements for both Andrews High School and Sandra Marie Curtis High School. A specific clause, added by the Broward School District under a previous charter school director, defines a service provider as any entity receiving more than 5% of a school's income. This raised concerns, as the language could be interpreted to include landlords, potentially subjecting them to a 14.5% cap on payments. Since this clause does not appear in the state's model charter agreement, its inclusion poses a risk of misinterpretation.

In response, Resolution 1 was introduced to request the removal of this language from Section 10.A., titled "Education Services Provider Agreement," in the Sandra Marie Curtis Charter Agreement. Similar concerns were raised for Andrews High School, leading to the introduction of Resolution 2 to amend the same section in its charter agreement.

Following discussion, a motion by Mr. Holland and a second by Mr. Burkett led the Board to unanimously approve Resolution 1 for Sandra Marie Curtis High School.

A subsequent motion by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Paul, resulted in the unanimous approval of Resolution 2 for Andrews High School.

Board member Martin Burkett announced his intention to resign at the end of May, citing increased professional responsibilities. He expressed that serving on the Board had been an honor, but his current schedule no longer permits him to continue. Mr. Burkett also made his contact information

available to anyone who may need his support in the future. Mr. Robert Holland also shared his plans to resign from the Board. However, following the discussion, he raised questions about the process for appointing a replacement. To help ensure a quorum, he will carry out his term.

Treasurer Ira Paul informed the Board that he would be out of the county beginning the following day and would return on May 15. He recommended that the Board consider working with the Florida Charter School Alliance to help identify potential new Board members. The Board responded positively to this suggestion, and Mr. Paul requested additional direction at the next meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Paul.

By: Beth Adelman
Beth Adelman (May 22, 2025 14:16 EDT)
Title: Governing Board Chairwoman