

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.  
May 20, 2025**

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4:30 PM. This meeting was held at Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Middle School - 3525 Congress Ave, Palm Springs, FL 33461.

The following Governing Board Members appeared virtually *via* Zoom: Chairperson, Beth Adelman; Vice Chair, Mr. Robert Holland; Board Treasurer, Mr. Ira Paul; Board Secretary, Doug Shelton; and 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; Susan DeAngelo, Talent Acquisition Specialist, Edison Learning; Thomas Sternberg, Tripp Scott, LLP; Jeff Wood, Tripp Scott, LLP; Dr. Tony Arza, Arza and Associates; Dr. Theola Moore, Principal, Chambers High School; Dr. Dwayne Stewart, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Chris Skierski, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Middle school; Kerry-Ann Brammer, Principal, Andrews High School; Charmayne Joseph, Principal, Sandra Marie Curtis High School; Alexandra Plaza, Principal, Main Street High School; Alejandro Madrigal, Principal, CG Bethel High School; and Jennie Gil de Lamadrid Rubio, Osceola School District.

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. The meeting was chaired by the Board Chair, Ms. Beth Adelman. Ms. Nia Bridges recorded the Minutes and conducted a call. Following the roll call, Ms. Adelman noted that Mr. Doug Shelton, Mr. Ira Paul, Mr. Robert Holland, and Mr. Burkett were present. A quorum was present.

There were no requests for public comment.

On a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the consent items as presented.

Prior to the meeting, the Board Chair informed the Board about the need to hold a Special Meeting to address pressing governance issues. This meeting was scheduled for 4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, with the intention of keeping it brief.

General Counsel provided a brief update to the Board on governance matters. The Board was informed that the ad valorem tax issue in Broward County has been resolved, while the matter in Palm Beach County is still ongoing. It was also noted that a letter expressing the intent not to renew the lease for the Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Satellite Campus will be sent to the Board Chair and Dr. Walker. Additionally, the Board reviewed the one-year lease for the satellite campus, which is set to expire on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the intent not to renew the Palm Beach Satellite Campus.

Dr. Walker explained that the recommendation to end the lease was due to several operational challenges, including students being unable to receive lunch and other related concerns. As a result, the students currently at the satellite campus will be moved back to the main campus for the next school year, with changes made to their homeroom classroom locations.

The Office of Strategy, Growth, and Development shared an update on several key initiatives. Dr. Walker reported that both Project Heal – Broward and Project Heal – Palm Beach were not awarded the grants they had applied for. Although the full amounts were requested, Broward and Palm Beach counties opted to allocate funding across multiple programs and participants. In response, the team plans to revise their applications and continue seeking additional grant opportunities, including the CAP grant for 2026 and 2027, as well as the CSP grant for the newest middle school.

An update was also provided on COGNIA Accreditation. Dr. Walker and Dr. Casey are working with a potential outsourced community partner to evaluate whether additional support is needed for network-wide accreditation. Additionally, an MOU was signed with the Dan Marino Foundation to support career and technical education, with Dr. Casey leading the implementation efforts within the schools.

Regarding grant opportunities, Dr. Walker noted that amending the grant application to meet the criteria is not currently an option. However, they can reapply to specific funders with improved insight into the application process and will continue to seek additional grant opportunities throughout the summer and fall.

A legislative update was provided by Dr. Arza, and no vote was required.

Mr. Jackson 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. Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Middle School
7. Sandra Marie Curtis High School

On a motion by Mr. Burkett and seconded by Mr. Holland, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for Andrews High School.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Burkett, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for C.G. Bethel High School.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Holland, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for Chambers.

On a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Burkett, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for Main Street High School.

On a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Burkett, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy.

On a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Burkett, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Middle School.

On a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Burkett, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the financial reports as presented for Sandra Marie Curtis 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.

Dr. Casey provided updates on charter renewals, the 2025-2026 school year calendars, and a principal resignation. Regarding Andrews, the letter of intent was submitted by April 11, followed by an informational session on May 7. The district will transition to a new compliance system, Anvilar, on July 16, which will be used to upload charter renewal documentation. The submission window will be open from July through October, with the district's review scheduled to take place between October and January or March 2026. Sandra Marie Curtis is still awaiting final documents from the district.

Mr. Jackson briefly reminded the Board that, during their last special meeting, they directed Tripp Scott and Edison Learning to work with the district on amending the Andrews charter agreement to remove a 14.5% cap provision affecting both Andrews and Sandra Marie Curtis High School. These amendments were signed by the Board Chair, submitted to the district, and are currently awaiting School Board approval.

Dr. Casey then resumed her updates on school operations and requested approval of the 2025-2026 school year calendars.

On a motion by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Burkett, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the 25-26 school year calendars.

Lastly, Mr. Skierski, the current middle school principal, tendered his resignation effective June 6<sup>th</sup>, and the search for his replacement is underway.

Dr. Casey also provided the Board with the School Operations Report for the following schools:

Chambers High School

- a. 2024-2025 SY Charter School Youth Mental Health Awareness Training Attestation Form

On a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the operational item as presented for Chambers High School.

CG Bethel High School

- a. 2024-2025 SY Charter School Youth Mental Health Awareness Training Attestation Form

On a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the operational item as presented for CG Bethel High School.

Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy

- a. FY25 Title I Charter Reimbursement Request Letter #3

On a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Burkett, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the operational items as presented for Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy.

Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Middle School

- a. FY25 Title I Charter Reimbursement Request Letter #1
- b. FY25 Title I Charter Reimbursement Request Letter #2
- c. Title I Charter School Reimbursement Acknowledgement
- d. ERA Reimbursement Request Letter

On a motion by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Holland, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the operational items as presented for Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy Middle School.

Ms. DeAngelo provided the Board with the personnel report. On a motion by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Holland, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the Human Resources Report as presented regarding the employment vacancies throughout NorthStar Academies.

Before adjourning, Board Member Mr. Shelton announced his resignation from the Board. In his closing remarks, he stated, *"I wish this very talented team of education and administration professionals continued success with the very blessed students... It's been my privilege to serve with all of you."* The Board expressed their appreciation for his service and contributions.

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Holland.

By: BethAdelman  
BethAdelman (Jun 24, 2025 14:20 EDT)

Title: Governing Board Chairwoman