

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.  
July 16, 2025**

A special meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 11:00 AM. This meeting was held at Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy - 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 Secretary, Doug Shelton; and Board Treasurer, Mr. Ira Paul.

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; Michelle Schmitt, Vice President of Finance and Treasurer, Edison Learning; Nia Bridges, Executive Assistant, EdisonLearning; Susan DeAngelo, Talent Acquisition Specialist, Edison Learning; Mendi Riggins, Manager, Procurement & School Compliance, EdisonLearning; Chad Craycraft, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Graduation Alliance; Thomas Sternberg, Tripp Scott, LLP; Maria Rojas, Tripp Scott, LLP; Jeff Wood, Tripp Scott, LLP; Luis Sullivan, 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; Alexandra Plaza, Principal, Andrews High School; Dr. Theola Moore; Principal, Chambers High School; Alejandro Madrigal, Principal, CG Bethel High School.

The following new board members also appeared *via* Zoom: Rob Sparks, Karin Sammons, Jeffery Mayer, and Jim Alumnus.

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. The meeting was chaired by the Board Chair, Ms. Beth Adelman. Ms. Nia Bridges recorded the Minutes and conducted a roll call. Following the roll call, Ms. Adelman noted that Mr. Robert Holland, Mr. Doug Shelton, and Mr. Ira Paul were present 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 seconded by Mr. Holland, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the consent items as presented.

Jeff Wood, General Counsel, addressed the board regarding governance matters. He requested the board's acknowledgment and consent for EdisonLearning to assign its management contracts to Achieve Learning LLC (owned by Graduation Alliance). The names of the entities involved in the transaction are included in the board packet. The proposed resolution also includes acknowledgment of the resignations of board members Mr. Holland, Mr. Shelton, and Mr. Burkett, which were announced at the previous meeting. In addition, the board is asked to accept the resignation of Beth Adelman as a Board Chair, effective immediately, and as Board Member, effective August 16, 2025. Mr. Wood further requested that the board acknowledge the transaction as outlined in the resolution and consent letter. As part of this acknowledgment, the board is also

asked to recognize that the organization is currently involved in open litigation in which it has been named as a defendant, and that it retains the right to defend itself and pursue all applicable legal remedies.

Following discussion, a motion by Mr. Holland and a second by Mr. Paul led the Board to unanimously approve the following items: (a) the Board Resolution accepting the resignations of current members—Mr. Holland, Mr. Burkett, and Mr. Shelton—and appointing new members; (b) the Board Acknowledgement and Consent Letter; and (c) the acceptance of Beth Adelman’s resignation letter.

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

Andrews High School

- a. 25-26 Cap Grant Opt In

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

Sandra Marie Curtis High School

- a. 25-26 CAP Grant Opt In

On a motion by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the operational item as presented for Sandra Marie Curtis High School.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Paul.

By: Rob Sparks  
Rob Sparks (Oct 3, 2025 11:34:24 EDT)  
Title: Governing Board Chair