

Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.
d/b/a
Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone
The Charter School at Waterstone
Everglades Preparatory Academy
Everglades Preparatory Academy High School
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy High School
Summerville Advantage Academy
Doral International Math and Science Academy

Board Meeting Minutes
Amended and Approved December 1, 2020

Board Meeting: 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Location – Summerville Advantage Academy
11575 SW 243rd Street
Homestead, FL 33032

Location Address: Communications Media Technology (CMT) – Summerville Advantage Academy, 11575 SW 243rd Street; Homestead, FL 33032.

Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/92099573407>; By phone: Dial 646-558-8656 Meeting ID 920 9957 3407

Note Regarding GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, September 15, 2020 – Members of the public may participate via dial-in capability provided at the school location at the address listed above.

Location: Summerville Advantage Academy

Summerville Advantage Academy exists as an International Learning Environment, which develops adaptive and active learners who embrace the exploration of other cultures as well as their own ancestral heritage through the utilization of art, music, and literature to excel and achieve academic heights.

Present at Meeting

Shirlynn Webb – AAM Chairman
Dalila Ruiz – Board Member
Helena Del Monte – Board Member
Bassema Iskandarani – Board Member
Victoria Gomez – Principal, Doral Int'l Math and Science Academy
Aishia McQueen – Principal, Palm Glades Preparatory Academy
Aida Marrero – Principal, Everglades Preparatory Academy/High School
Archalena Coats – Principal, Summerville Advantage Academy
Donna Baggs – Principal, The Charter School at Waterstone

Darlene Escudero – Board Liaison
Steven Whittle – Board Liaison
Annie Abella – Board Liaison
Deanne Rodriguez – Board Liaison
Regla Penaranda - Board Liaison
Jeanette Reyes – Board Liaison
Maggie LaRoz – Board Liaison
Jennifer McKenna – Board Liaison
Michael Strader – Charter School Associates
Brian Strader – Charter School Associates

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Shirlynn Webb.

A. Opening Exercises

Shirlynn Webb, Board Member, asked the Board to review and approve the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting. Dalila Ruiz motioned approval of minutes. Bassemma Iskandarani seconded the motion to approve the May minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Annual Meeting and Election of Corporate Officers

ANNUAL MEETING - Ms. Webb called the annual corporation meeting to order and asked for the election of officers. Helena Del Monte nominated Shirlynn Webb for the position of President/Chairman and Dalila Ruiz seconded the nomination. Ms. Webb nominated Bassemma Iskandarani for the position of Vice President/Vice Chairman and Ms. Ruiz seconded. Ms. Webb nominated Dalila Ruiz for the position of Treasurer/Secretary and Ms. Del Monte seconded. The corporate officer positions were voted on as nominated and all positions were filled as nominated without dissent. Ms. Del Monte called the annual meeting to a close to continue with the regular scheduled governing board meeting.

D. Principal Reports –

Charter School at Waterstone – Ms. Baggs reported enrollment at 1077. Ms. Baggs noted the reason for the decline in enrollment is due to homeschooling and some families are moving out of the area. The school had supply pick up and several successful drive through events.

Doral International Academy- Mrs. Gomez reported enrollment at 901. Mrs. Gomez reported students are taking baseline benchmark assessments virtually and prior to school opening they assessed Kindergartners coming in. They had successful drive by events and virtual meetings. Mrs. Gomez noted teachers are always going above and beyond. Mrs. Gomez also shared the school won the Fairchild Challenge Award for the entire elementary division.

Everglades Preparatory Academy – Ms. Marrero reported enrollment at 965 with a majority of families moving out of the county. Ms. Marrero reported on the success of the curbside book pick up. Students completed baseline testing and the first football game of the school year is scheduled for this Friday.

Palm Glades Preparatory Academy – Ms. McQueen reported enrollment at 569. There were families that moved out of the area which affected the enrollment numbers. Ms. McQueen updated the board on a recent meeting with Miami Dade College to bring opportunities to students. The school is starting new clubs this year including a mock trial team. Ms. McQueen also reported the University of Miami’s law academy opened and there were three students accepted into that program. The schools’ Graduation was recognized by the Charter School Alliance.

Summerville Advantage Academy – Mrs. Archalena Coats reported enrollment at 506. Mrs. Coats reported they are working on documents for FSSAT and Mental Health reports. Upcoming events include a virtual dance class for the students. Mrs. Coats reported teachers are working extra hard to meet the needs of families.

E. Information Items

1. Mr. Strader presented the monthly financial report for the preceding months (April, May, June – FY 20) to the board and reminded Board members that the finance department at CSA prepares the financial reports that are sent to board members and any questions regarding monthly financial reports may be directed to Ms. Merced at any time.
2. Brian Strader reported on the FY 20 school audits.
3. Mr. Strader reported on the 2020-2021 Mental Health Plan.
4. Mr. Strader reported on Title 1 Budget updates.
5. Mr. Strader reported on the PGH UnSig Award eligibility this year.
6. Mr. Strader reported on the middle and high school articulation agreement between the schools.
7. Mr. Strader discussed the Teacher Salary Increase, HB 641 Implementation.
8. Mr. Strader updated the board on the FY21 Capital Outlay Allocation.
9. Mr. Strader informed the board on the CARES/ESSER Allocation.
10. Mr. Strader discussed the PPP Utilization and Forgiveness Application.
11. Mr. Strader discussed the 2020-2021 Parent/Student and employee handbooks that were distributed to the board in their back-up documents.
12. Mr. Strader discussed the 2020-2021 board meeting schedule sent to the board. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2020.
13. Mr. Strader asked the Principals to submit the name of the liaison for each school for board approval.
14. A copy of the 2020-2021 school calendar presented in the back up documents is on the consent agenda for board approval.
15. Mr. Strader discussed 2020-2021 teacher waivers that need to be approved by the board.

16. Mr. Strader discussed the charter renewal process for PGA/PGH and EPH. Charter for these three schools end June 30, 2021.
17. Mr. Strader introduced the Cambridge Education Program as a new educational component in each AAM school commencing with the 2021-2022 school year.

F. Consent Agenda Items

1. Approve Purchase Orders and Agreements
2. Approve Financial Reports – April, May, June – FY 20
3. Authorize Board Chair to Sign FY 20 Audit and Approve Submission of FY20 Audit
4. Ratify Mental Health Plan Update(s) – FY 21
5. Ratify Threat Assessment Plan Update(s) – FY 21
6. Approve Title 1 Budgets – FY 21
7. Approve Palm Glades Preparatory High School UnSig Award and Budget
8. Approve Articulation Agreement – MS/HS – Everglades and Palm Glades
9. Authorize Board Chairman to Submit FY 21 Teacher Salary Allocation Plan(s)
10. Ratify FY 21 Charter School Capital Outlay Plan
11. Authorize Chairman to Submit Forgiveness application for PPP
12. Approve Parent/Student Handbooks 2020-2021
13. Approve Employee Handbook 2020-2021
14. Approve 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule
15. Approve 2020-2021 Board Liaison Designee(s)
16. Approve 2020-2021 School Calendars
17. Approve 2020-2021 Teacher Waivers (Exhibit A)
18. Authorize Cambridge Education Plan in charter renewal application and application for all schools under AAM.

Ms. Del Monte motioned to approve the consent agenda items, one through eighteen. Ms. Iskandarani seconded the motion. All consent items were approved unanimously.

G. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

- a. No items reported.

H. Board Member Reports

- a. No items reported.

Mrs. Shirlynn Webb adjourned meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Meeting Minutes approval found on next page.

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is Chairman of Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of said corporation and the individual charter schools sponsored by said corporation.

The minutes of the meeting of the Corporation held September 15, 2020 were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on December 1, 2020 where the meeting minutes were adopted and approved.

ADVANTAGE ACADEMY OF MIAMI, INC.

A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation

By: 

Shirlynn Webb, Chairman