

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

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Everglades Preparatory Academy
May 3, 2018

Present at Meeting

Shirlynn Webb – Board Member

Dalila Ruiz – Board Member

Helena Del Monte- Board Member

Bassema Iskandarani- Board Member

Victoria Gomez – Principal, Doral Int'l Math and Science Academy

Archalena Coats – Principal, Palm Glades Preparatory Academy/High School

Aimee Leyva – Principal, Everglades Preparatory Academy/High School

Nancy Roque – Principal, Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone

Dr. Rebecca Valdes – Principal, The Charter School at Waterstone

Mary March – Principal, Summerville Academy

Jeanette Reyes – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Maggie Millian – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Annie Abella – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Mike Strader – Charter School Associates

Brian Strader – Charter School Associates

Meeting called to order at 4:37 p.m. by Shirlynn Webb.

A. Opening Exercises

Shirlynn Webb, Board Member, asked if there were any changes or revisions to the prior meeting minutes. There being none, Shirlynn Webb requested a motion to approve the Governing Board meeting minutes and run both meetings (Advantage Academy of Miami and The Charter School at Waterstone) simultaneously. Dalila Ruiz made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and run the two meetings simultaneously, Shirlynn Webb seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion passed.

B. Public Comments

There were several parents in attendance voicing concern over the closing of Santa Fe Advantage Academy. Parents were asked to submit questions in writing. Mr. Strader read each question aloud and with the board, addressed each question to all persons present. The central theme of the questions related to the timing of the decision to close the school.

C. Principal Reports – Principals were asked to submit reports in writing to Board Members because time for oral presentation was devoted to hearing and responding to parent concerns.

D. Information Items

1. Mr. Strader discussed the procedure required for the board to take official action regarding the closure of Santa Fe Academy including a final governing board vote to voluntarily close the school via the Resolution included in the board packet, followed by communication with the Sponsor regarding the board's action.
2. Mr. Strader discussed the procedure required to request a termination of the lease between Santa Fe Academy and the landlord.
3. Mr. Strader informed the board that any questions regarding monthly financial reports may be directed to Ms. Merced at any time. Each board member receives a comprehensive monthly financial report.
4. Mr. Strader shared an update on AdvancED Accreditation Renewal
 - a. Mr. Strader shared that all schools under Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc. would be renewed as part of the system accreditation renewal held by CSA.
 - b. The AdvancED committee provided two suggestions and one change they wished to see. The one change was in regards to technology use in the classroom.
5. Each board member received FY18 Auditor Selection and RFP Process and Selections.
6. The Engagement Letters were sent to the board for review.
7. There were no compliance items.
8. Mr. Strader presented on the Capital Threshold Resolution effective July 1, 2018
9. A copy of the 2017-2018 student calendar was discussed as included in the board member packet.
10. Mr. Strader explained the legislative updates.

- a. SB 7026: Safe School Bill- Mr. Strader shared that we are still waiting on updates regarding how the districts are funding the possibility for a school resource officer.
 - b. HB 7055
- 11. Each board member received a copy of the update regarding the UNISIG grant awarded to EPA, EPA HS, PGA, and PGA HS.
- 12. Capital Outlay – Board action is needed to authorize the Chair and Mr. Strader to submit a new capital outlay plan at such time as the template is released by the FDOE.
- 13. Mr. Strader said the budget development for the 2018-2019 budgets was presented to the board and he asked the board to approve budget process.
- 14. Mr. Strader recommended that the board convert the Santa Fe intercompany loan to a transfer.

E. Consent Agenda Items

The governing board took the issue of the Resolution regarding the voluntary closure of Santa Fe Academy as the first action item. After discussion among the governing board and more discussion with parent participants the chair asked Mr. Strader to read the Resolution approving the voluntary termination of the charter agreement between the governing board and the sponsor for the closure of Santa Fe Academy. The chair asked for a Resolution to approve the Resolution. Board Member Iskandarani made a motion to approve the Resolution as read. The chair asked for discussion. Discussion ensued for several minutes until the Board Chair acknowledged that discussion was closed and that a second to the motion was made by Helena DelMonte. The chair asked for a vote that was unanimous, 4-0 in favor of approving the Resolution to request a voluntary termination of the charter agreement with the Sponsor.

The governing board moved the next item related to the voluntary closure of Santa Fe Academy. The chairperson asked Mr. Strader to read the Resolution requesting a termination of the lease agreement between Santa Fe Academy and the Landlord. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Ms. Iskandarani motioned to approve the Resolution requesting termination of the lease. Ms. Ruiz seconded the motion and the item passed 4 to 0.

The Board then instructed Mr. Strader to contact the Sponsor on behalf of the board to request a voluntary termination of the charter agreement between the School Board of Miami-Dade Florida and Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc. d/b/a Advantage Academy Santa Fe. Mr. Strader was also instructed to negotiate (with Miami-Dade Schools) the transfer of all property in the name of Advantage Academy Santa Fe to other schools under the supervision of the board for Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., including Doral International Academy, Palm Glades middle and high school, Everglades Preparatory middle and high school, Summerville Academy and Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Summerville. Mr. Strader was asked to also contact the school's Landlord to negotiate and early termination to the lease. Mr. Strader read a letter

prepared to achieve an early termination. The board voted unanimously to approve distribution of the letter to the Landlord.

Mr. Strader had earlier presented as a discussion item the loan between Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone and Advantage Academy Santa Fe. The board voted 4-0 to convert the remaining balance owed by Santa Fe Academy to Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone from a loan to a transfer. The balance of the original \$175,000 loan is that will be converted to a transfer is \$108, 129.00.

The following consent items were moved to the floor for consideration by the board.

1. Approval of purchase orders and agreements
2. Approval of Certification Waivers, Exhibit A
3. Final Approval, FY18 Audit Engagement Letters
4. Approve Capital Threshold Resolution
5. Approval of 2018-2019 School Calendar
6. Approval of 2017-2018 Title 1 Amendments/Reports
7. Approval of UNISIG grant amendments
8. Approve conversion of intercompany loan
9. Approve FY19 Capital Outlay uses
10. Approve FY19 Budget Development
11. Approve Graduate roster for 2017-2018 as recommended by the Principals

Bassema Iskandarani motioned to approve all consent items. Dalila Ruiz seconded the motion and all were in favor and the motion passed.

- F.** Board Member Reports – Helena del Monte her expressed gratitude to the Board and to CSA for its ability to make difficult decisions that may be unpopular but are ultimately in the best interest of Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc. and its schools.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.