

**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**  
**Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

**Location Address: Communications Media Technology (CMT) – Everglades Preparatory Academy, 2251 E. Mowry Drive; Homestead, FL 33033.**

**Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/94941034707> By phone: Dial 13017158592 Meeting ID: 949 4103 4707.**

**Note Regarding GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, December 1, 2020 – Members of the public may participate via dial-in capability provided at the school location at the address listed above.**

The Mission of Everglades Preparatory Academy High School is to prepare students with a well-rounded college preparatory and career exploration high school education, through a challenging academic program supported by technology, on-site learning experiences via local business and the opportunity to tie classroom learning with the real world of work.

The Mission of Everglades Preparatory Academy is to provide students with a well-rounded middle school education, through a challenging program, focused on mathematics and science using innovative, reform-based instructional methods in a stimulating and nurturing environment that fosters maximum student achievement.

**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  
Steven Whittle – Board Liaison

Annie Abella – Board Liaison  
Deanne Rodriguez –Board Liaison  
Regla Penaranda, Board Liaison  
Maggie LaRoz –Board Liaison  
Miguel Baquero - Board Liaison  
Nanette Hernandez - Board Liaison  
Rosemary Stephens - Board Liaison  
Michael Strader – Charter School Associates  
Brian Strader – Charter School Associates  
Jennifer McKenna – Charter School Associates

Meeting called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Shirlynn Webb.

**A. Opening Exercises**

1. Shirlynn Webb, Board Member, asked the Board to review and approve the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting, September 15, 2020. Dalila Ruiz motioned approval of the September 15, 2020 meeting minutes with amendments regarding the correction of the Fiscal Year of 20202 and not FY 2019 for the approval of the audit.. Bassem Iskanarani seconded the motion to approve the May minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.
2. Participants recognized the flag via a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. H. DelMonte motioned to adopt the agenda as amended (attached), D. Ruiz seconded and the motion passed.

**B. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**C. Principal Reports**

All AAM Principals made their report virtually including reports on current enrollment, recent school activities, parent activities, Title 1 update (as applicable), UNSIG Report – PGH, Agreement with Miami Dade College – PGH.

**D. Information Items**

1. Mr. Strader presented the monthly financial report for the preceding months (July, August, September – FY 21) 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. Mr. Strader presented the charter renewal timeline and process for Palm Glades Preparatory Academy, Palm Glades Preparatory Academy High School, Everglades Preparatory Academy High School. Board member reiterated their interest in merging or combining the middle school and high school under a single charter agreement for PGA/PGH and EPA/EPH. Mr. Strader indicated he had notified MDCPS of the board's request but no response had been received.

3. Mr. Strader discussed the proposed lease amendment requested by the landlord for Everglades Preparatory Academy and Everglades Preparatory academy High School. The request is a result of the landlord's plan to sell the property and as an incentive the landlord has offered modifications to the lease that improve the terms for the school (tenant) including a direct monetary contribution to address issues with the lift station and other facility issues.
4. Mr. Strader discussed 2020-2021 teacher waivers that need to be approved by the board (Exhibit A).
5. Mr. Strader updated the Board regarding the Cambridge application and discussed the benefit(s) to the school(s) selected for participation.
6. Temporary Certificate – Request for two-year extension, PGA HS Tammy Coney-Downs

**E. Consent Agenda Items**

1. Approve Purchase Orders and Agreements
2. Ratify Letter of Intent to renew charter agreement for five years as signed by Chairman and approve submission of charter renewal application for PGA, PGH, EPA.
3. Approve submission of Cambridge Program request to MDCPS for Doral (3026), Summerville (0072), Waterstone (1010), EPA (5006), EPH, (7060), PGA (3032), and PGH (7032). Authorize CSA to present to MDCPS as part of renewal app for EH, PGA, PGH.
4. Authorize CSA to continue negotiation through governing board counsel with Landlord for EPA/EPH regarding lease amendment.
5. Approve Title 1 Budget Amendments
6. Ratify PGH Agreement with Miami Dade College
7. Approve 2020-2021 Teacher Waivers (Exhibit A)
8. Authorize board charter to sign Form 990.
9. Approve temporary certificate request for two year extension, PGA HS – Tammy Coney-Downs.

D. Ruiz motioned approval of consent items one through nine, H. DelMonte seconded the motion and consent item approval passed unanimously.

**F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion**

- a. No items reported.

**G. Board Member Reports**

- a. Board Member DelMonte wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked principals for their hard work and dedication. Board Members Webb, Iskandarani and Ruiz wished everyone Happy Holidays and each thanked principals and staff.

Chairman Webb adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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 board meeting minutes of the Corporation for December 1, 2020 were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on March 24, 2021 where the meeting minutes were adopted and approved.

ADVANTAGE ACADEMY OF MIAMI, INC.  
A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation

By:   
Shirlynn Webb, Chairman