



NEXT ACADEMY, INC.
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 20, 2022
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Raishrie Torres at 5:15 pm.

PRESENT: Raishrie Torress, Nomar Astrain, Miguel Martinez

Staff Present: Kristian Gellibert & Kristen Gellibert

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Raishrie Torres at 5:15 PM.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

- Raishrie Torres – President
- Nomar Astrain – Secretary
- Miguel Martinez – Treasurer/Director

Members Absent:

- None

Staff/Guests Present:

- Kristian Gellibert – Executive Director
- Kristen Gellibert – Chief Operating Officer

Quorum: Yes

3. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

4. Approval of Prior Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 22, 2022.

Mover: [Not recorded]

Second: [Not recorded]

Vote: Approved as presented

Result: PASSED

5. School Leadership Appointments (Approval)

To ensure effective governance and smooth daily operations during the launch phase of Next Academy, the Board formally approved the following appointments:



- Kristian Gellibert is confirmed as Executive Director, charged with overseeing the opening of the school and leading day-to-day implementation. He will report directly to the Board President and collaborate with the Board Treasurer and Secretary as needed.

- Kristen Gellibert is confirmed as Chief Operating Officer, responsible for supporting the Board in the daily management of the school. She will likewise report to the Board President and work closely with the Board Treasurer and Secretary to carry out operational functions.

Result: Approved unanimously.

6. Governance Training (Approval)

In compliance with state requirements, all Board members are expected to complete mandated governance training no later than July 18, 2023.

Recommendation: Engage a local attorney with charter school expertise to provide the training at an estimated cost of \$300 annually, covering the entire Board.

Training Program Features:

- Webinar format combining audio, video, and presentation slides.
- Administrative access for school officials to monitor completion and print Certificates of Participation.
- Single course completion valid across multiple boards, with schools listed via a drop-down menu.
- Fully online and self-paced; compatible with Windows, Mac, and Linux.
- Florida attorneys may earn CLE credit at no additional cost.

7. Nonprofit Filing Discussion

The Board discussed required forms and filing fees for IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit designation with Kim Marks, CPA.

8. Marketing (Approval)

A campaign will be launched to build community awareness through local newspapers, mailers, social media, telephone outreach, and door-to-door canvassing.

Motion: Approve the marketing report.

Mover: Miguel Martinez

Second: Nomar Astrain

Vote: Unanimous approval

Result: PASSED



9. Financial (Approval)

The Board approved hosting an introductory investor presentation in group format to generate excitement and competition.

Discussion notes:

- Mr. Gellibert will prepare the presentation.
- He will explore physical venues or Zoom as hosting options.
- Mr. Gellibert will also reach out to Ivan Yaeger, inventor and nonprofit executive, who expressed interest in Next Academy, Inc.

Motion: Approve the investor presentation plan.

Mover: Miguel Martinez

Second: Miguel Martinez

Vote: PASSED

Result: Motion carried

10. Board of Directors Recommendations

Board Member R. Torres recommended engaging local real estate professionals to explore commercial properties suitable for the school. Mr. Gellibert agreed to initiate this process in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

11. Review of Application Submission & Approval Process

- Mrs. Gellibert will submit a Letter of Intent to Broward and Palm Beach Counties.
- On October 10, 2022, Mrs. Gellibert contacted Palm Beach County regarding requirements.
- On October 11, 2022, Ms. Karla Branch responded with submission guidelines.

12. Additional Business

None recorded.

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Miguel Martinez, seconded by Nomar Astrain, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

14. Certification

Prepared by:

Kristen Gellibert, Director of Operations

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved by the Board on: _____

Board Secretary:



Nomar Astrain

Signature: _____ Date: _____