



# TRUE NORTH CHARTERS

## Board Meeting Minutes

True North Classical Academy (1000)  
True North Classical Academy South (1002)  
True North Classical Academy High School (7039)  
True North Classical Academy Kendall (1024)

December 3, 2021 ♦ 10:00 AM  
9393 Sunset Drive • Miami, FL 33173

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### Meeting Details

- In person: Dadeland Campus (7900 SW 86th ST, Miami, FL 33143)

### I. Opening Session

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call - Meeting was called to order at 10:37 AM  
Board Members present: Luis Diaz, Rudy Pages, Ernesto Rodriguez, Kent Windhorst  
Others present: Jose Nodarse, Michael Bileca, Jeanine Finlay, Chereen Coile, Timothy Howard
- B. Agenda - Approval of Agenda  
Moved by Luis Diaz, Second by Rudy Pages, Approved unanimously
- C. Minutes - Approval of previous meeting minutes for August 27 and September 22, 2021  
Moved by Luis Diaz, Second by Rudy Pages, Approved unanimously

### II. Reports

- A. School Progress Report
  1. Dadeland Campus - Tutoring for 3-5th grade has begun. K-2 intervention will begin after the holidays. Information sessions for prospective families begin next week and will continue through February.
  2. Sunset Campus - Academic intervention is underway in the form of clinics, tutoring, and PE pullouts. Leadership has begun the recruitment process early with a need for approximately 25 new teachers in the fall. A full time school psychologist has been hired. True North will be administering its first SAT exam

to 11th graders in January. The new college counselor took 50 high school students on a 3 day tour of FL colleges.

**B. Financial Update**

Financials were provided by Jose Nodarse in the meeting binder and reviewed by the Board.

1. Payment Approvals - Proposed new thresholds for approvals in CharterAce. Tiers adjusted to 0-5k Principal, 5-10k CFO, 10-25k President, and above 25k Board Chair. Contracts outside of PO's are subject to additional language and annual review for approval.
2. Financial Statements - Operationally the charters are ahead of budget despite being underfunded by the state based on enrollment numbers. This is expected to be reconciled and will be reflected in the financial reports for next quarter.
3. Grants Update - Income is equal to grant expenses. There is still grant money pending disbursement.

**C. Construction Project Update**

1. Dadeland waiting for plumbing and electrical inspections to be done, with a goal of moving into the academic building by January. There will be 17 new classrooms with a total capacity for 800 students at the campus. The carline will be rerouted to accommodate the increase in traffic. Start/end times may be staggered.
2. Gateway athletic fields have been completed. Phase 1 of the building renovation project is finished. Phase 2 is underway, focusing on converting the upstairs efficiencies to 8 new classrooms. Completion goal is August 2022 which will bring the campus capacity to 345 students in K-5th grade.

**III. Board Discussion / Actions**

- A. Approval of new language/limits for Payment Approvals  
Moved by Luis Diaz, Second by Rudy Pages, Approved unanimously

**IV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM

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Approved by Governing Board  
Signed by Luis Diaz, Governing Board Chairperson