



## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK LUNCH BUNCH MEETING MINUTES

Atlantic Technical College  
4700 Coconut Creek Parkway  
Building 2, Room 122  
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: April 28, 2025  
Time: 12:00 p.m.

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### Present:

#### City of Coconut Creek Elected Officials and Staff

Jacqueline Railey	Mayor
Sandra L. Welch	Commissioner
John Brodie	Commissioner
Sheila N. Rose	City Manager
Scott Stoudenmire	Deputy City Manager
Bernadette Hughes	Government Affairs Manager
Cassandra Harvey	Assistant City Attorney
Brian Blizzard	Fire Chief
Henry Cabrera	Deputy Chief of Police
Dan Eberly	Sergeant, School Resource Officer Supervisor
Marianne Bowers	Deputy City Clerk
Maureen DeLaunay	Executive Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Lopez	Community Relations Director
Wayne Tobey	Parks and Recreation Director

#### School Officials

Vicky LaPorte	Atlantic Technical College and Magnet High School
Neeta Rancourt	Atlantic Technical College and Magnet High School
Luz Negrón Alvarez	Broward College
Dr. Nicole Nearor	Coconut Creek High School
Synithia Crawford	Dave Thomas Education Center
Kenneth Rolle	Dave Thomas Education Center
Leena Itty	Lyons Creek Middle School
Sabine Phillips	Margate Middle School
James Cecil	Monarch High School
Kay Lang	Monarch High School
Dr. Priscille Elie	Tradewinds Elementary School
Carolyn Egelleton	Winston Park Elementary School

**Other Attendees**

Linda Beauport	State Representative Christine Hunschofsky's Office
Jennifer Raducci	Congressman Jared Moskowitz' Office
Susan Whiting	Seminole Coconut Creek Education Foundation
Ilene Busey	Sunset Strings Academy
Tristan Delhamer	Sunset Strings Academy
Danilo Mina	Sunset Strings Academy

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER / WELCOME**

Mayor Jacqueline Railey called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m. She welcomed the participants to the final Lunch Bunch of the school year. She recognized Atlantic Technical College (ATC) for hosting lunch and Sunset Strings Academy for their musical performance.

**2. AGENDA ITEMS**

**a. Fire Rescue Update**

Fire Chief Brian Blizzard introduced himself and provided a brief Fire Rescue Department update. He highlighted the work of Public Education Specialist Mindy Lirette with the local schools, including career day events. He shared during the month of October, Ms. Lirette would be doing outreach at all Coconut Creek schools and daycares. Chief Blizzard discussed the Cadet Program for high school students ages 14-19 and commented that it was a great tool for those interested in a career in fire services. He stated twenty (20) students were currently enrolled, and there was a waiting list for the program. He noted they were looking to expand enrollment capacity.

**b. City Update**

Deputy City Manager Scott Stoudenmire shared a brief update on the progress of the MainStreet project and noted the area would include townhouses, villas, apartments, civic and commercial space, and parks. He stated groundbreaking was expected in the next year. Mr. Stoudenmire advised that the City continued to battle the turnpike widening and the landfill expansion and discussed the impacts and progress on each issue.

City Manager Sheila Rose commented on the City's recent partnership with the Broward County Public School Board in support of the proposed changes to the bus and parent drive-thru through lanes at Lyons Creek Middle School. She stated the City believed this would benefit the school and students, as well as the residents of Coconut Creek. She noted a grant was recently awarded to Tradewinds Elementary School for a marquis sign and asked that the schools not hesitate in reaching out regarding future partnerships.

**c. Police Department Update**

Deputy Police Chief Henry Cabrera discussed his time as a School Resource Officer (SRO) and D.A.R.E instructor at Coconut Creek Elementary School and thanked the administrators for all they do for the kids. He provided an update on the new traffic cameras monitoring speeds in school zones, explaining they would run thirty (30) minutes before school started through thirty (30) minutes after school ended, with an educational period and a warning period prior to tickets being issued. He advised that the City's body-worn camera program was live, and all officers have been issued cameras on their body and inside their cars, along with associated training.

**d. Student Awards Update**

Government Affairs Manager Bernadette Hughes shared that the City's Student Awards ceremonies would be held on May 8, with elementary and middle school students recognized at 5:30 p.m. and high school students recognized at 7:00 p.m. during the City Commission meeting. She noted Teacher Appreciation Week would be celebrated the following week and asked that administrators share any school appreciation event details so the City could coordinate delivery of fruit trays.

Following the student award update, Sergeant Dan Eberly provided additional details on the school zone speed detection program, distributing letters and flyers regarding the traffic camera program. He shared that he was retiring in six (6) months and noted candidates to replace him were being interviewed. He discussed SRO availability for events and detail requests beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. He stated there would be SRO coverage in the summer schools the entire summer and guardians would not be utilized, and noted K9 Taylor would also be available. He acknowledged Ms. Lirette for assisting in coordinating a fire truck to visit Monarch High School.

Ilene Busey, Sunset Strings Academy Owner, introduced members of her team and discussed the music education program and its offerings to local schools, as well as the benefits of music education. She shared flyers with a link to a questionnaire.

**3. SELF INTRODUCTIONS AND SCHOOL INPUT**

There was round table input from each of the attendees regarding activities at the schools and in the City.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Railey thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

  
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Joseph J. Ravanagh, City Clerk



  
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