



## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center  
4800 W. Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: May 9, 2019  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Special Commission Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### PRESENT:

Mayor Sandra L. Welch  
Vice Mayor Lou Sarbone  
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley  
Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere  
Commissioner Joshua Rydell  
Deputy City Manager/CFO Karen M. Brooks  
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn  
City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

Mayor Welch asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Mayor Welch welcomed all in attendance to the twelfth annual Student Awards Ceremony. She congratulated the students for their achievements, recognized their parents, and acknowledged the local businesses that contributed to the gift bags the students would be receiving.

Mayor Welch recognized North Broward Preparatory School Head Master Elise Ecoff, who would be retiring in June after 14 years of service to the school. Ms. Ecoff addressed the Commission and the audience.

Mayor Welch then introduced Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes and spoke about the Coconut Creek Teen Political Forum event held on May 6, 2019. She commended City staff who assisted with the event, and Ms. Hughes commended the students who participated. Following a brief video highlighting the Forum, Ms. Hughes recognized the following students for their efforts on the first Coconut Creek Teen Political Forum:

Atlantic Technical High School: Robert Conti, Andras "AJ" Futo, Kearstin Schiaffo, and Jaanai Scott.

Coconut Creek High School: Jose Catalan, Shelley Eugene, and Yeislee Flores.

Monarch High School: Lincoln Le, Rocio Colado, Payton Lussier, and Jennifer Sobrinho.

North Broward Preparatory School: Adam Hosein, Madison McEwen, Maxwell Myerson, Gianfranco Torres, and Vanessa Silva.

Mayor Welch then introduced Karen Brooks, Deputy City Manager/CFO, who opened the Student Award Ceremony to recognize exemplary elementary, middle, and high school students in the community.

**The following elementary school students were chosen by their fifth grade teachers for their excellence in academics, character, and leadership:**

Coconut Creek Elementary (Principal Katherine Good): Jeysen Boulton, Mohamad Diop, Lacey Elliot, Tomas Milesi, Kayla Shivers, and Maraliz Torres-Martinez.

Liberty Elementary (Principal David Levine): Shamiah Bienaime, Malik Dupont, Sarah Haughton, Samantha Hosoomel, Hoa Nguyen, Demisa Segarra, and Miguel Uribe.

Tradewinds Elementary (Principal Michael Breslaw): Genesis Deras, Gaia Guirrier, Ashley Leao, Alisson Medrano, Kristopher Miannay, Lihly Paraison, Layla Petraitis, Gustavo Ropke, Camilo Tovar, Chelsea Valcourt, Natalie Walker, and Marlee Weinstein.

Winston Park Elementary (Principal Carolyn Eggelton): Kevon Darby, Victoria Guardino, Sheliya Hogley, Alana Lewis, Chase Navarette, Josh Nieves, Dori Norton, Emily Sarria, and Mia Scirrotto.

**The following middle school students were chosen by their eighth grade teachers for their excellence in academics, citizenship, performing arts, leadership and/or athletics:**

Lyons Creek Middle School (Principal Vernicca Wynter): Johanna Atonal, Victor Freire, Shannon Hughes, Taylor McHugh, Hunter Nelson, Andrew Nguyen, Arwen Paredes, Camryn Sargis, Austin Terrell, and Savannah Wilkes.

Margate Middle School (Principal Earnest C. Toliver): Orion Dubois, Adan Flores-Hernandez, Gabriel Gibian, Jade Guy, Samir Husain, Bria Jobson, Andre Lodge, Jaeden Matos, Sasha Senat, and Ashley Velazquez.

**The following high school seniors were chosen by their teachers and administrators for their excellence in academics, leadership, character, and community service:**

Atlantic Technical High School (Principal Vicky LaPorte): Corey Bullock, Andras “AJ” Futo, Kerry-Lynn Pierre-Charles, Zabari Ross, and Kearstin Schiaffo.

Coconut Creek High School (Principal Scott Fiske): Agustin Collingwood Accinelli, Denesha Dennis, Shelley Eugene, Santiago Juan Orozco, and James Portwood.

Dave Thomas Education Center (Assistant Principal Celeste Humphrey): Alberto Collins, Joarshell Joseph, Cyrsey Petit-Frere, Myrvane Preval, and Deante Whithers.

Monarch High School (Principal James Neer): Joe Hoang, Grace Nemanic, Katherine Nussbaum, Derek Pena, and Zeena Shather.

North Broward Preparatory (High School Principal Ron McCarthy): Sydney Austin, Xinyi Dong, Joshua Marshall, and Natalie Ziegler.

Deputy City Manager Brooks thanked everyone for coming to honor the students and wished the students success in their future endeavors.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers

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Leslie Wallace May, MMC  
City Clerk

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