



**CITY OF COCONUT CREEK
EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**Government Center
4800 West Copans Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33063**

**Date: May 10, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2021-0510**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bernadette Hughes, Assistant to the City Manager, at 6:01 p.m.

2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL

Robert Hurley
Brian Kenney
Jeff Realejo
Susan Sargis
Jack Vesey
Patricia Snyder, Alternate

Also present: Commissioner Sandra L. Welch, Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes, City Clerk Leslie Wallace May.

Ms. Hughes explained that Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-52, as continuously extended, and Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, authorized all local governments to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by both state and local law as necessary to allow local governments to continue to perform public work and take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community. She noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present. She explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Hughes stated no advanced public comments were received for the meeting.

She recognized Commissioner Welch, who welcomed the members of the Board and shared her appreciation to them for serving.

Pablo Calvo, Director of Community Engagement for the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, introduced himself and discussed the work of the Coalition. He highlighted the number of young children previously enrolled in childcare and pre-kindergarten that have not returned to school after COVID-19 closures and expressed concern about the effects.

Mr. Vesey asked for clarification regarding the age of the children referenced. Mr. Calvo responded that an estimated 7,000 children ages birth to five (5) have not returned to school since the beginning of COVID-19. He stated that he did not have the breakdown by age but would investigate it and report back. Discussion ensued regarding school

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readiness evaluation. Mr. Calvo offered to make a future presentation to the Education Advisory Board on school readiness changes at the State level.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Leslie Wallace May administered the Oath of Office to the members of the Education Advisory Board.

5. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ms. Hughes provided a brief background on the Board and its past projects. She noted that the City was very involved in the schools in Coconut Creek, and shared information on the Lunch Bunch, Student Awards program, and the Teen Political Forum. Each of the members of the Board introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEMS

6. DISCUSSION – INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MISSION, GUIDELINES, AND 2021-2022 OBJECTIVES

Ms. Hughes explained the contents of the Board packet to the Board members, including a letter from Mayor Tooley, legal information, and the Board mission and guidelines. She outlined the key functions and responsibilities as an Advisory Board and the meeting schedule. Ms. Hughes reviewed the work of the previous Board.

7. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ms. Hughes reviewed the Board Chair responsibilities and asked for nominations for Board Chair. She noted that the previous Chair was not eligible.

MOTION: Sargis/Vesey – To name Robert Hurley as Board Chair.

Upon roll call, the Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

MOTION: Vesey/Sargis – To name Brian Kenney as Board Vice Chair.

Upon roll call, the Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING(S). (2021-0412)

MOTION: Sargis/Vesey – To approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021, meeting as presented.

Upon roll call, the Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

9. BOARD AND STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Ms. Hughes explained that the student participants would be appointed at the next meeting. She noted that historically, the list of schools in Coconut Creek would be divided between the Board members so that they could each report individually. She read the list and asked the Board to be prepared to discuss the assignments at the next meeting.

Mr. Realejo asked for additional clarification on communicating with the schools. Discussion ensued as to how those who had previously served on the Board obtained information and participation on the School Advisory Council (SAC) at the schools they were assigned to.

10. SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING

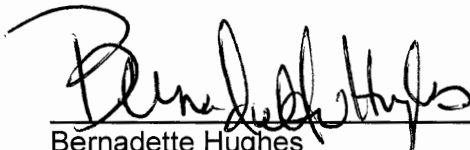
Ms. Hughes discussed agenda items for the next meeting, including the Student Awards program, Unity in Our Community, student liaisons, and future opportunities for the Board.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for May 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Vesey asked for a hard copy of the report on the bond issue compiled by the previous Education Advisory Board, and Ms. Hughes stated she would forward the information via email along with information on an upcoming virtual School Board meeting regarding the bond program and Coconut Creek schools.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.


Bernadette Hughes
Assistant to the City Manager

5/17/2021
Date