



Education Advisory Committee Meeting

City of Greenacres, Florida

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 4:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers | 5800 Melaleuca Lane

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Cassius O. Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:38 PM.

Present: Council Member Susy Diaz; Cassius Johnson, Bree Lukosavich, Marcia Merritt, Patty Persichilli, Leliani Sanchez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Presentations:

1. Presentation: Dr. Jesus Armas, Principal, John I. Leonard High School. He discussed Culture, Systems, and Instruction, plus several security pilot programs were also highlighted. John I. Leonard is the largest high school in Palm Beach County with 3,190 students; Title 1 status is 59.2% and graduation rates are on the increase year after year.
2. Stacey Quinones, Program Planner and Jeff Pegg, Transition to Kindergarten (T2K), Early Childhood Education presented on services provided by the district for Kindergarten readiness, testing, educational sessions for parents, and their work with the Early Learning Coalition, followed by several questions.
3. The Presentation by Oscar Otero, Principal of Dr. Joaquin Garcia High School was postponed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of October Meeting Minutes were approved by Patty Persichilli; seconded by Bree Lukosavich.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Introductions of New Members:** Committee Chair, Cassius Johnson introduced new member Marcia Merritt who gave the members an overview of her Bio.
2. **Chair's Initiative:** School attendance and Kindergarten Readiness are the committee's top priorities and focus.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed the potential for the Early Learning Coalition and the city’s Youth Programs Department to present to the committee; they agreed to hear from the Early Learning Coalition first, then from Youth Programs.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRINCIPALS AND PUBLIC

Valerie Zuloaga–Haines thanked Dr. Armas and Stacey Quinones for their presentations, as well as the committee. She introduced audience members: school principals; Carolyn Seal; Scott McNichol; Eli Morales; Isha Reyes, and district personnel, Robin Brown. Committee Chair, Cassius Johnson asked Leliana Sanchez, L.C. Swain student (Youth Programs representative) to introduce herself and describe what she liked about Youth Programs and any needs she thinks the city has.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Committee Chair, Cassius Johnson highlighted upcoming community events and dates. John I. Leonard will host the Relay for Life event on March 8th and the city was invited to participate.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

- February 12, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- April 9, 2025, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair, Cassius Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Cassius O. Johnson, Chair

Quintella Moorer, MMC, City Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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