



Education Advisory Committee Meeting

City of Greenacres, Florida

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 4:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers | 5800 Melaleuca Lane

Minutes

Committee Duties: Promote and provide public awareness for programs, opportunities, initiatives of public, private, and charter schools, to recognize and promote the accomplishments of students, educators, and all schools located within the city; to also oversee and recommend up to eleven (11) educational scholarship awards each year to eligible high school/ seniors, college, technical, or trades eligible students who reside in the city.

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Cassius O. Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.

Present: Deputy Mayor Susy Diaz; Chair Cassius Johnson, Patty Persichilli, Laurie Kuntz, Sasha Lopez, Audrey Moreau, Bree Lukosavich, and Sahily Macias Middle School Representative.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None

Presentations:

Sasha Lopez discussed scholarships for post-secondary education, business partnerships, proposed application updates, student incentives, and advisory recommendations. Additional comments were made regarding paid internships. Dr. Philip Harris, Economic Development Director presented along on small business development, with a focus on career pathways and mentorship opportunities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March Minutes were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Educational Scholarship interviews will be held on Monday April 27th, 2026.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRINCIPALS AND PUBLIC

Dr. Jesus Armas principal of John I. Leonard presented the results of the school Effectiveness Questionnaire. They were in top 5 schools based on percentages in different categories (Participation, Overall, Committed and Impactful Employees, Student Agency, Safety, and Teacher Satisfaction). He announced his retirement after 39 years.

Valerie Zuloaga- Haines Central Region Superintendent announced there will be a seamless transition with the new principal Elena Villani, principal of Lake Worth Community High School. We will wish Dr. Armas the very best in his retirement.

Isha Reyes, principal of L.C. Swain reported a February pilot program titled the “Stallion Book Club” with the Literacy Coalition. They also received a STEM grant from the Education Foundation, for classroom upgrades, new furniture and 18 drones to be used in an Engineering Robotics Program.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tiana Garcia and Michele Thompson highlighted upcoming community events:

- 8. Fire Prevention Free Informational Session, April 15 - 6:00pm-8:00pm - Community Center
- 9. Food Distribution, May 1, 2026 10:00am-12:00pm - Community Center
- 10. 100th Birthday Bash, May 24, 2:00pm-6:00pm - SJF Community Park

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

April 27, 2026 Educational Scholarship Interviews
May 13, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

5:55 PM.

Cassius O. Johnson, Chair

Quintella Moorer, MMC, City Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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