



## Education Advisory Committee City of Greenacres, Florida

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 5:00 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 ten (10) educational scholarship awards each year to eligible high school seniors, college, technical, or trades eligible students who reside in the city.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Diaz called the meeting to order with special guest Alexandra Johnson at 5 PM.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 2, 2024 meeting were approved by Ms. Persichilli and seconded by Ms. Sime.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

The Special presentation from Principal Oscar Otera was postponed due to a pending conflict.

**Introductions** - Councilmember Diaz introduced the two (2) newly appointed members Ms. Bree Lukosavich and Ms. Laurie Kuntz. School liaisons were introduced Melissa Valdez-Rodriguez, John I. Leonard and Leilani Sanchez, L.C. Swain Middle School student. All members provided a brief bio and Councilmember Diaz reviewed the Committee's purpose.

**Appointment of committee Chair and Vice-Chair** - Councilmember Diaz requested for nominations for the Committee Chair. Bree Lukosavich nominated Mr. Cassius Johnson; seconded by Ms. Persichilli. Councilmember Diaz asked Ms. Martiza Sime if she would consider being Vice-Chair and she accepted. Both appointments passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson took over the meeting and appointed Ms. Kuntz as the school liaison to Palm Beach Central, Santaluces and Dr. Joaquin Garcia High Schools. Mr. Johnson then appointed Ms. Lukosavich as school liaison to Pine Jog and Forest Hill Elementary schools.

**Chair's Initiative** - Councilmember Diaz reviewed the Chair's initiative. Mr. Johnson stated the committee was in listening mode. A discussion on school and community priorities took place. Mr. Johnson requested consideration of two (2) significant issues brought forth by School District: Improving school attendance and Kindergarten Readiness. Both issues were previously brought to committee's attention in November by School District Area Superintendent Valerie Zuloaga-Haines.

Mr. Johnson agreed these are priorities, asked if we have the capacity to take on these issues. He also mentioned we must be conscious of our demographics and cultural childcare norms.

Mr. Johnson requested a list of questions compiled for the committee to ask Principals when meeting with them for comparative data analysis.

**Discussion Items** – The Committee asked about the availability of free VPK programs in the city. Director Thompson stated she reached out to Children’s Services Council about funding of community-based VPK programs and they referred her to the Early Learning Coalition. Director Thompson will reach out to the Early Learning Coalition and invite them to do a presentation of services provided.

School District Area Superintendent Valerie Zuloaga-Haines will present data on student Pre-K program exposure.

**Special Events/Activities**

Mr. Johnson highlighted the Educational Scholarship program and upcoming Special Events.

**SPECIAL DATES**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE**

January 15, 2025 4:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

5:45 PM.

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Cassius O. Johnson, Chair

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Quintella Moorer, MMC, City Clerk

Date Approved:\_\_\_\_\_

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