



LAUREL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

8103 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

Wednesday, July 24, 2024
Time: PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at approximately 6:04 pm with Chairwoman Maria Gonzales-Jackson presiding. The following members were also present: Vice Chair Rian N. Reed, Rev. Allen R. Grimes, Carol Nash, Abisola Ude, and Carolyn Edwards, Administrative Assistant II. There were zero (0) members of the public present.

Chairwoman Maria Gonzales greeted everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. She inquired if a City Councilmember would be assigned to the committee to replace Ex- Councilman DeWalt, Carolyn Edwards replied that Councilman Simmons, the newly appointed Councilman had been assigned, but he hasn't been made aware of this task yet and should be able to attend the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2024 were approved. Abisola Ude motioned to approve the minutes, Vice Chair Rian Reed second the motion and all agreed. Minutes were officially approved.

Discussion Items:

Surveys to School Counselors/Parent Liaisons/PTA Leadership for 2024/2025 School Year

Chairwoman Maria Gonzales-Jackson emailed the survey to each member prior to the meeting for review of the questions. Vice-Chair Rian Reed pulled up the survey and shared her screen with everyone. It was noted that the questions had been created last year and it was confirmed to use the same ones at our last meeting. The goal of the survey is to compile answers and see what support the committee can offer to the Principals, Teachers and PTA members. The Committee reviewed the questions and updated the survey from four to seven questions.

The goals of the survey:

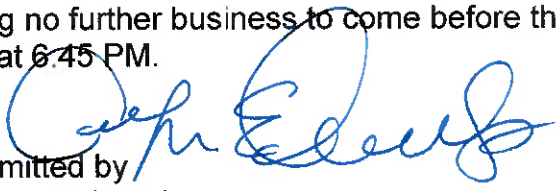
- It would generate a response from the schools that shows the best way the Committee can support the schools.

- It will generate a way for the Committee to utilize their time properly.
- What relationships the Principals/Schools already have with the City/County Government.
- Ensure the committee doesn't duplicate resources

Once all questions are reviewed and finalized it would be sent to the Mayor's office via Carolyn Edwards, Administrative Assistant to the Clerk, who would include an introductory letter to the EAC and email it to all the Principals/Vice Principals of the Schools. This will ensure any new staff members at the school will be aware of the Committee's availability to assist them. It was determined that in order to get the survey's back and accumulate the results in a timely manner before the school year that the "deadline" would be August 12, 2024.

Chairwoman Maria also mentions that she would like to provide resources for the schools/parents/principals on the EAC's website. A "One Stop Shop" so to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.


Submitted by
Carolyn Edwards
Administrative Assistant II to the Clerk

Approved: September 25, 2024



Laurel Education Advisory Committee

AGENDA

July 24, 2024, 6:00 PM

Via Zoom

Please contact the Clerk at 301-725-5300 Ext. 2120 or clerk@laurel.md.us to request Zoom Meeting link by 2:00 pm the day of the meeting.

- **Welcome** - Maria Gonzales Jackson, Chair {2 minutes}
- **Roll Call** - Carolyn Edwards, City Staff Clerk {2 minutes}
- **Call the Meeting to Order** - Maria Gonzales Jackson, Chair {2 minutes}
- **Approve Meeting Minutes:** May 8, 2024 {1 minute}
- **Discussion Items** - All {40 minutes}
 - Surveys to School Counselors/Parent Liaisons/PTA Leadership for 2024-2025 School Year
- **Close** - Maria Gonzales Jackson, Chair {2 minutes}

Note: The committee will follow Robert's Rules of Order to conduct the business of our committee during all meetings.

For reference on Robert's Rules of Order: <https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/public-meetings/procedures/parliamentary-procedure>

Education Advisory Committee Attendance and Voting Record

Regular Meeting

July 24, 2024 6:00 pm Virtual

Meeting Start Time: 6:04 pm

Meeting Ended: 6:45pm

Members of the Public: 0

Roll Call

☒ Abisola Ude ☐ Toi O. Davis ☒ Rev. Allen R. Grimes

☒ Sabrina Jones ☐ N/A Councilman Adrian G Simmons ☐ Ayele H. Negussie

☒ Carol Nash ☒ Co-Chair Rian N. Reed ☒ Chair Maria Gonzales-Jackson
☒ Devonia Bryant

Agenda Item Meeting minutes for May 8, 2024.

☐ 1st Abisola Ude ☐ Toi O. Davis ☐ yes ☐ Rev. Allen R. Grimes

☐ Sabrina Jones ☐ Councilman Simmons ☐ Ayele H. Negussie

☐ yes Carol Nash ☐ 2nd ☐ Co-Chair Rian N. Reed ☐ yes ☐ Chair Maria Gonzales-Jackson
☐ Devonia Bryant