



## LAUREL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

8103 Sandy Spring Road  
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

### MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

7:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL- ZOOM MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with Chairwoman Maria Gonzales-Jackson presiding. The roll was called with the following members present: Toi O. Davis, Sabrina Jones, and Donica Sutton. Staff Present were: Maria Morales, Secretary. Mr. Ayele Negussie joined late.

Report of the City Council:

No report from the City Council.

Approval of the Agenda:

Ms. Sutton requested to add to the agenda a review of the Committee's goals and outcomes with everyone, since it was the first time a quorum was present for the year. All members present agreed by voice vote to move forward with the agenda and the addition.

Discussion Items:

Chairwoman Gonzales-Jackson recommended going over the resolution that created the Education Advisory Committee as part of the goals and Committee overview. Chairwoman Gonzales-Jackson noted that due to engagement issues with Committee members there had been issues maintaining relationships with schools and therefore, there had not been positive outcomes this year. After reviewing the resolution, Chairwoman Gonzales-Jackson opened the meeting for ideas to better engage with schools. Multiple ideas were brought up, including the actionable items below:

- Speak to Mayor Sydnor in bringing back the grants to schools as stated in the resolution.
- Work with local PTA's and creating partnerships with community school coordinators to ask how the City could assist them.
- Gather school data and provide advice to the Mayor for review.

Chairwoman Gonzales-Jackson brought up that previous members would sit in during Prince George's County Board meetings to bring back information to the

Committee that could help schools or parents and students, she asked if anyone was open to attending the meetings. There were no volunteers.

Ms. Sutton and Ms. Davis noted that they were worried that after they gathered all this information and did a lot of leg work, nothing would be done with it. They expressed doubts that the Mayor was aligned with the resolution and would love to see more support from his Office for the Committee.

Ms. Gonzales-Jackson agreed to write to Mayor Sydnor to ask what the scope of work for the Committee was, what he would do with the information if it were gathered and what the goal was for the Committee.

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved:

Date:



Maria Morales  
Administrative Assistant II

10/20/2025

# Education Advisory Committee Voting Record

## Regular Meeting

September 15, 2025 7:00 pm Virtual

Meeting Start Time: 7:04pm

Meeting Ended: 7:50

Members of the Public: 0

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call

Chair Maria Gonzales-Jackson  Davonia Bryant  Councilman Kyla Clark  Toi O. Davis  
7:32 Ayele H. Negussie  Abisola Ude  Tiara Matthews  Sabrina Jones  Donica Sutton

3. Call the Meeting to Order

4. Approval of Agenda

Chair Maria Gonzales-Jackson  Davonia Bryant  Councilman Kyla Clark  Toi O. Davis  
 Ayele H. Negussie  Abisola Ude  Tiara Matthews  Sabrina Jones  Donica Sutton

5. Report of City Council.

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6. Discussion Items:

Prince George's Public School Board  
meetings No one volunteered to attend school board meetings.

New Academic Year

Chair will reach out to mayor Synder to ask what is the expected scope for this committee this year.

Added to Agenda to review committee goals & outcomes for Ms. Sutton  
+ Agreed by everyone present. Resolution Reviewed. →

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**7. Good of the Order**  
**8. Adjourn**

- + After thorough review and discussion actionable items below will be done by committee.
  - Chair to contact Mayor regarding bringing grants back to schools as mentioned in resolution
  - Work with school PTA's to create partnerships with schools
  - Gather Data for Mayor to review



## **Education Advisory Committee**

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**Monday, September 15, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

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1. Welcome - Chair Maria Gonzales-Jackson
2. Roll Call - Maria Morales, City Liaison
3. Call the Meeting to Order - Maria Gonzales-Jackson, Chair
4. Approval of the Agenda - Maria Gonzales-Jackson, Chair
5. Report of City Council - Kyla Clark, Council President
6. Discussion Items - All
  - Prince George's Public School Board Meetings
  - New Academic Year
7. Good of the Order - All
8. Adjournment - Maria Gonzales-Jackson, Chair

*+ MS. Jones requesting to review committee goals.*