

COMMITTEE

AYELE H. NEGUSSIE
Committee Member

DAVONIA BRYANT
Committee Member

ABISOLA UDE, MPP
Committee Member

SABRINA JONES
Committee Member

TIARA MATTHEWS
Committee Member

DONICA SUTTON
Committee Member

Committee meets on the third
Monday of each month.



MARIA GONZALES-JACKSON
Chair

KYLA M. CLARK
Councilmember

MARIA MORALES
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LAUREL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 7:00 P.M. VIRTUAL- ZOOM MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. with Chairwoman Maria Gonzales-Jackson presiding. The roll was called with the following members present: Toi O. Davis, Abisola Ude, Ayele Negussie and Councilwoman Kyla M. Clark. Staff Present was Maria Morales, Secretary, Administrative Assistant II to the City Clerk. Shadowing Ms. Morales is Frederick Williams, Administrative Assistant II to the Mayor's Office. There were no members of the public present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Gonzales-Jackson requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Toi Davis made a motion, Ms. Abisola Ude seconded the motion, and all members present voted to move forward with the agenda.

Approval of October 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Chair Gonzales-Jackson requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes presented. Ms. Toi Davis made a motion to approve the October 20, 2025 minutes as presented; Ms. Abisola Ude seconded the motion, and all members present voted by voice vote to approve the minutes as presented.

Approval of November 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

Chair Gonzales-Jackson requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes presented. Ms. Abisola Ude made a motion to approve the November 17, 2025 minutes as presented; Ms. Toi Davis seconded the motion, and all members present voted by voice vote to approve the minutes as presented.

Discussion Items:

Review of Resolution

Chair Gonzales-Jackson asked if everyone had time to review the recommended changes to the membership of Resolution No. 5-18 that she sent out. Committee

members indicated that they did not review the changes. Chair Gonzales-Jackson noted that she would send out the link for members to add their recommended changes to the resolution.

Review of Strength Matrix

Chair Gonzales-Jackson asked the Committee members if they had time to add their input to the strength matrix spreadsheet she sent out; The Committee members all answered that they had not. Chair Gonzales-Jackson noted that she would send out with the Google document and Resolution to be completed by the Committee members for the next meeting.

Chair Gonzales-Jackson reminded the Committee of the importance of completing these forms, indicating that the Committee could work on ways to help the City schools. Chair Gonzales-Jackson was interested in creating an informal town hall for parents to include members of Prince Georges County Public Schools and members of the Prince George's County Board of Education. In the last Board of Education meeting the Chair attended, they encouraged schools to work with local community members to bridge gaps in schools. The Committee could provide information or resources that the City offers during the town hall.

Councilwoman Clark recommended that the Committee collaborate with the Mayor's Office as it plans the City's Safe Summer Nights Program. The Mayor's Office may be able to designate one evening for the Committee to participate and engage directly with students. Chair Gonzales-Jackson will draft a memo to the Mayor outlining the Committee's goals and objectives and will share it with Committee members for feedback, especially those who were unable to attend the meeting, before submitting it to his office.

Report of the City Council:

Council President Clark informed the Committee that she chaired the City's Multicultural Advisory Committee, which was currently planning a community event for Fall 2026. She also shared that she recently participated in a reading activity at Scotchtown Hills Elementary School and strongly encouraged Committee members to volunteer as "mystery readers" in local classrooms when possible.

Additionally, Councilwoman Clark was partnering with First Generation College Bound to host a financial aid night on April 19th. The event would help students and parents understand how to complete FAFSA forms and explore options for funding college. She asked Committee members to help promote the event once the flyer was available and noted that she would send the flyer to the Chair for distribution.

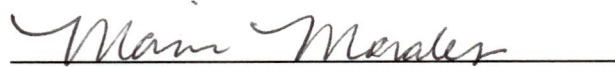
Ms. Abisola Ude expressed her support for Councilwoman Clark's event and noted that she had a large social media following where she could share the information to students and parents.

Ms. Toi Davis expressed her appreciation to Chair Gonzales-Jackson for her dedication to the Committee and for consistently providing fresh ideas that keep the Committee moving forward.

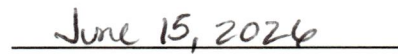
There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Approved:

Date:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maria Morales", written over a horizontal line.

Maria Morales
Administrative Assistant II

A handwritten date "June 15, 2024" written in cursive script over a horizontal line.

Education Advisory Committee Voting Record

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2026, 7:00 pm Virtual

Meeting Start Time: 7:13

Meeting Ended: 7:42

Members of the Public: 0

1. Welcome

2. Roll Call

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

3. Call the Meeting to Order *+ Frederick Williams*

4. Approval of Agenda

☒ Chair Maria Gonzales-Jackson ___ Davonia Bryant ☒ Councilman Kyla Clark *1st* ☒ Toi O. Davis
☒ Ayele H. Negussie *2nd* ☒ Abisola Ude ___ Tiara Matthews ___ Sabrina Jones ___ Donica Sutton

5. Approval of Minutes

October 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

☒ Chair Maria Gonzales-Jackson ___ Davonia Bryant ☒ Councilman Kyla Clark *2nd* ☒ Toi O. Davis
☒ Ayele H. Negussie *1st* ☒ Abisola Ude ___ Tiara Matthews ___ Sabrina Jones ___ Donica Sutton

November 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes

☒ Chair Maria Gonzales-Jackson *1st* ☒ Davonia Bryant ☒ Councilman Kyla Clark *1st* ☒ Toi O. Davis
☒ Ayele H. Negussie *2nd* ☒ Abisola Ude ___ Tiara Matthews ___ Sabrina Jones ___ Donica Sutton

6. Discussion Items:

Review of Resolution

Committee members have not provided input. Maria to resend link in email.

Review Strength Matrix

Maria to resend email link.

7. Report of City Council.

AM Clark informed members she chairs the Multicultural Advisory Committee and is planning an event for the fall. Participated at SITES reading to a class encouraged members to participate in school activities. Partnering with First Strategic bond to create financial aid night for families & students asks committee to spread the word. MS. Ude asked for flyer, she has a big social media platform for students @ The College Funding Queen. MS. Davis expressed appreciation and gratitude towards Chair Gonzalez Jackson for giving coming up w/ fresh ideas & keeping committee moving forward.

8. Good of the Order