

COMMITTEE

AYELE H. NEGUSSIE
Committee Member

DAVONIA BRYANT
Committee Member

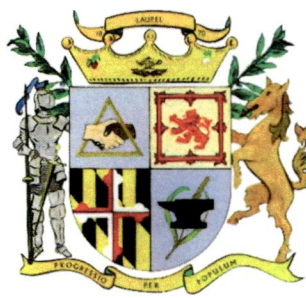
ABISOLA UDE, MPP
Committee Member

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
Administrative Assistant II

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LAUREL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

8103 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025 7:00 P.M. VIRTUAL- ZOOM MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. with Chairwoman Maria Gonzales-Jackson presiding. The roll was called with the following members present Toi O. Davis, Ayele H. Negussie, Abisola Ude, Donica Sutton and Kyla Clark, Council President. Staff Present were Maria Morales, Secretary, City Staff and Administrative Assistant II to the City Clerk.

Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Gonzales-Jackson requested a motion to move forward with the agenda presented, Ms. Toi Davis gave a first motion, Ms. Donica Sutton gave a second motion, and all members present voted to move forward with current agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Gonzales-Jackson asked if all members present had a chance to review the minutes and moved to request a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Toi Davis gave a first motion, Ms. Abisola Ude gave a second motion, and all members present voted to move forward with the approval of the minutes.

Report of the City Council:

Council President Kyla Clark informed the committee that she is working with the community school coordinator Tia Harris to do fundraising for Laurel High School uniforms for students. She attended Scotchtown Hills Elementary School Food box give away, informing that the school is still in need for volunteers. Council President Clark also informed the committee that she is a board member at the Kiwanis Club, the Laurel chapter, and brought up the possibility to having the committee assist in establishing the educational organization.

Discussion Items:

1. Goals:

Following up on the last meeting, Chair Gonzales wrote to Mayor Sydnor asking for his scope for the committee, Chair Gonzales Jackson got response from the Mayors office indicating that the committee is an advocating voice for the community schools and residents. She opened the floor to ideas on how they could move forward. Ms. Sabrina Davis indicated that the Mayor was unclear on what the next steps were; she expected more direction from the Mayor.

Chair Gonzales Jackson recommended beginning with the resolution. Reviewing the resolution and making changes, giving the committee specific duties.

Ms. Abisola Ude recommends brainstorming to see what everyone's skill sets are and their networking and organize events or classes that could help schools and bring it back to the Mayor.

Mr. Negussie also recommended reaching out to schools to see what their needs are and how the committee could assist them.

2. Actionable items:

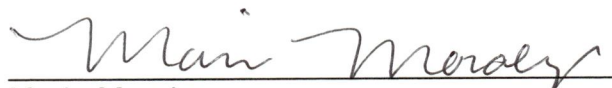
- Develop a matrix to put together all committee members skill sets, including networking organizations, to put together programs and events that could support schools and bring it to the Mayor.
- Review Resolution and bring up changes that can be made to make committee better structured and clear on the duties.
- Capture areas in need of City Schools and present them to the Mayor.

Lastly, Council President Clark added her support for changes to the resolution. Informing that she is part of a steering committee for Laurel High School to assist with food insecurity. She suggested the committee reach out to schools and be part of steering committees or attend the meetings. She also suggested attending City events to make the Committee known, including Mainstreet Trick or Treat and Spooktacular.

There being no further business for the committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Approved:

Date:



Maria Morales
Administrative Assistant II

March 16, 2026



Education Advisory Committee

8103 Sandy Spring Road
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Monday, October 20, 2025

7:00 PM

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

1. **Roll Call** - Maria Morales, City Liaison

2. **Call Meeting to Order** - Maria Gonzales Jackson, Chair

3. **Approval of Agenda** - Maria Gonzales Jackson, Chair

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** - Maria Gonzales Jackson, Chair

5. **Report from the City Council** - Council President Kyla Clark

6. **Discussion Items**
 - Goals and Action Items for the Committee

7. **Good of the Order**

8. **Adjourn** - Maria Gonzales Jackson, Chair

Education Advisory Committee Voting Record

Regular Meeting

October 20, 2025 7:00 pm Virtual

Meeting Start Time: 7:04

Meeting Ended: 7:37pm

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 @ 7:07pm

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. Approval of Minutes

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6. Report of City Council.

Asked about the Follow up with Mayor's communication. Communicating with schools is working with Tia Harris to fundraise with School year uniforms for LHS. attended. writers rights at Gortown Hills Schools and gave away Food boxes. Currently looking for volunteers, if the committee is interested. Also ~~working~~ is a Board member for Kiwanis if the committee would like to help establish this new educational program.

7. Discussion Items:

Goals and action items for the committee

Chair Gonzales Jackson ~~works~~ Committee to start with changes/improvements to resolution. Provide specific duties for committee to have. Also create a strength matrix put together by all members, to better support and bring together ideas how to better support schools in the area- MS. side. recommends bringing these to the Mayor. CM Clark fully supports the work the Committee wants to put together. Suggests committee puts themselves out there during city wide events, School PTA's and steering Committees (currently part to LHS Steercommittee)

8. Good of the Order

9. Adjourn