

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 7, 2015**

SUMMARY

Members Present

Andy Ansola	Douglas Harrison
Harve Brosten	Charlie King
Rebecca Dahl	Thomas Lauder
Susan Edwards	Esther Mizell
Gaspar Garcia	Beverly Perkins
Andrea Gundersen	Michael Sirbola
Reverend Luc Harrigan	Bryan Wilson
Lillie Harris	

Members Absent

Jamie Cutler, Student Representative
Aaliyah McCrary, Student Representative
Frederick Perry
Ernestine Price
Mary Williams, Student Representative

Student Support Initiatives Staff: Terri Jones

Diversity, Prevention & Intervention Staff: Amalio Nieves; Carolyn Salters; Marion Williams

Parliamentarian: Patricia McDougale

Guests: Edward Benden; Nancy Collis; Catherine Eddins; Danita Kilcullen; Jack Gillies;
Mary Ann Haywood

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by **Mr. Lauder**.

ADOPTON OF THE AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY MINUTES

There was discussion on a language change to the minutes prior to the meeting. The Chair requested that any changes to the minutes be requested at the general meeting. The April 2, 2015 Minutes were approved as amended.

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Mr. Lauder said, "Hearing no objection, each article of the Bylaws shall be subject to debate and possible amendment one article at a time, before a final vote is taken."

Review resumed on Article VI, Section 3. At the last meeting the following was moved to a new Section 4: ~~All requests for information shall be germane to the business of the Diversity Committee and/or subcommittee and may require Committee approval.~~

Sequentially the text was replaced with: New Section 4, "**Official requests for information shall require Committee approval.**"

Section ~~5~~ **6**: Meeting scheduled: The "d" was deleted.

No changes to Article VI, Sections 7-10.

Article VII Standing Committees, Section A: Extensive discussion followed on Section A, including language which states "nine" conditions and the list of "ten" subcommittees.

Article VII, Section A: Motion by Ms. Gundersen, seconded by Ms. Perkins: "I move to revise the Bylaws to add the following language to Article VII, A. promote the objectives of the Diversity

Committee to include, but not limited to the following subcommittees in accordance with the nine conditions....Motion passed 13-2, No: Mr. Ansola, Mr. Sirbola.

Article VII, New Section B (moved from Article V, Section C, Governance). After much discussion: **Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Dahl: “I move to amend Article VII, Section B to read “shall convene monthly, [insert] or at intervals decided by the Governance Committee Chairperson,” in the 4th line. Motion passed 10-4, No: Mr. Ansola, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Harris, Mr. Lauder (Ms. Mizell was not in the room).**

Motion by Ms. Harris, seconded by Ms. Edwards: “I move that section B of Article VII be removed completely.” Motion passed 8-6, No: Mr. Brosten, Ms. Dahl, Mr. Garcia, Mr. King, Ms. Perkins, Ms. Mizell, (Mr. Wilson was not in the room).

Ms. McDougle said, “A committee does not have standing committees. Any reference to “standing committee(s)” should be changed to subcommittee(s).” **Mr. Lauder** said, without objection the change will be made.

Ms. Harris said, “She believes Article II, Purpose should be put in building block order.”

Motion by Ms. Harris, second by Mr. Sirbola: “I move that in Article II, C becomes A, B becomes C and A becomes B.” Motion passed 15-0.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was extended by 5 minutes.

Ms. McDougle said, “Throughout the Bylaws wherever it says “will” it should read “shall”. In Article III, Section 5, second sentence, should read: each member ~~is~~ shall be required to execute... Throughout the document, bylaws has no hyphen. **Mr. Lauder** said, without objection the change will be made.

Ms. Dahl requested that the next meeting be focused on forming subcommittees and determining topics for future agendas. **Mr. Lauder** said, “Yes, I was planning similar items.” He requested that Committee members look over the subcommittees to determine which ones they would like to work on. He also requested that members review the updated Web site that houses the Diversity Committee Web page.

<http://www.browardprevention.org/diversity/diversity-committee/>

Ms. Mizell requested that Diversity Committee members are notified when the Bylaws go to the School Board.

Mr. Lauder said, “By show of hands, all those in favor of substituting the revised set of Bylaws for the old Bylaws”. **Motion passed 15-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

**The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.,
in the Board Room, Kathleen C. Wright Administration Building.**

These minutes are summarized and were recorded at the May 7, 2015 Diversity Committee meeting. For more information a Public Records Request may be submitted by contacting Public Relations & Government Affairs Department, SBBC, at 754-321-2300.

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