

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 5, 2024
Minutes

Members Present

Members Absent

Ashley Eubanks
Beau Simon
Carolyn Hardy
Corey Shearer
Faheema Abdool-Ghany
Harve Brosten
Lisa Yurkin

Narnike Pierre-Grant
Rasheed K. Gray
Rebecca Dahl
Ruben Nesbitt
Teresa Williams
Thomas Alberto Vasquez

Antonio Burgess
Emilia Mackiewicz
Erica Hansinger
Marie Compas
Nicole Murad Scarcella
Victoria Bastidas

STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF: Tom Albano, Coordinator, Lisa Eutsey, Instructional Facilitator, Marion M. Williams, Committee Liaison, Equity, Diversity & School Climate; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling.

GUEST(S): Susan Spragg

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida Diversity Committee was held on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kathleen C. Wright Building. The meeting was called to order by Narnike Pierre-Grant at 6:37 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting for August 1, 2024, was approved by unanimous consent.

REPORT

Ms. Pierre-Grant updated the members on Policy 8010 which was on the School Board's September 10th agenda. She stated there were no changes made. She shared that she attended a Long-Range Steering Committee meeting in which the following topics were discussed; redefining and the smart program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In Ms. Jodi Washington's absence, Tom Albano gave the director's report. He shared that Jodi Washington has been Task-Assigned as the Executive Director of Student Services Division previously held by Veda Hudge, who is now the Assistant Superintendent of School Transformation. Ms. Washington will continue overseeing the Equity, Diversity, and School Climate Department. Mr. Albano explained the calendar option for the 2025-2026 school year. He mentioned that the Equity Prevention Liaison's work will now include diversity, equity, and prevention. Ms. Marion Williams suggested having district staff give a presentation to the committee on the Equity Prevention Liaison Program

ELECTIONS

Mr. Shearer informed the members that Narnike Pierre-Grant was the only member who had submitted their name for Chair.

Mr. Shearer opened nominations from the floor for the Chair. Hearing none, nominations were closed. Voting was conducted; Ms. Narnike Pierre-Grant was announced as Chair of the Diversity Committee.

Rasheed Gray was the only candidate brought forward to run for Vice Chair. The Chair opened nominations from the floor for Vice-Chair. Hearing none, nominations were closed. Voting was conducted and the results were unanimous. Rasheed Gray was announced as Vice-Chair.

OVERVIEW OF DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Ms. Marion Williams shared and explained the following committee documents with the members: Policy 1240 Diversity Committee; Policy 1070; and the Bylaws. Ms. Williams also mentioned that Ethics and Sunshine Training is required by all members.

SCHOOL SITE VISITATION 2024-2025

The list of schools and dates were announced and discussed.

The committee members will select which subcommittee they would like to sit on at the next diversity committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next Diversity Committee meeting is scheduled on
Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.