

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 7, 2023**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present**

**Members Absent**

Antonio Burgess  
Ashley Eubanks  
Carolyn Hardy  
Corey Shearer  
Erica Hansinger  
Faheema Abdool-Ghany  
Fareida Rajkumar

Narnike Pierre-Grant  
Nicole Murad Scarcella  
Ram Tewari  
Rasheed K. Gray  
Rebecca Dahl  
Shawn Sealy  
Teresa Williams

Chris Fuller  
Gloria Lewis  
Harve Brosten  
Jimmy Witherspoon  
Karen Fortman

Luke Harrigan  
Sharon Kanter  
Yao Qi

**STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF:** Veda F. Hudge, Executive Director, Office of Student Services, Carlisa Russell, Instructional Facilitator, Kylie Summers, Instructional Facilitator, Marion M. Williams, Committee Liaison, Roberto Fernando, Instructional Facilitator, Equity, Diversity & School Climate; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling.

**DISTRICT STAFF:** Ernie Lozano, Director, Behavioral Threat Assessment

**GUEST(S):** Deborah Moore, Coach Pat McQuaide, Naima Khan-Ghany

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida Diversity Committee was held on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kathleen C. Wright Bldg. The meeting was called to order by Narnike Pierre-Grant at 6:38 p.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting for August 3, 2023, was approved by unanimous consent.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In Ms. Jodi Washington's absence, Ms. Veda Hudge gave the director's report. Ms. Hudge stated that the new school year was off to a great start; She informed the members that Ms. Washington will begin meeting with departments soon to review the nine conditions and update the indicators as well as start the discipline committee meetings that will include a representative from the diversity committee; Ms. Hudge shared that she recently presented to the School Board on Mental Health which included an action plan.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Ms. Dahl shared the following list of expectations of the role of the chair:

- Make regular reports to the School Board meetings
- Meet with School Board Members and the Superintendent to provide feedback from the committee on emerging issues and the status of the nine conditions of the CCC
- Participate in Diversity Committee site visits
- Engage other committees, community events, and stakeholders
- Manage the agenda and stay on task
- Allow input on the agenda items from committee members
- Invite presentations from district departments on the progress of the nine conditions

Ms. Dahl shared that Narnike Pierre-Grant was the only member who had submitted their name for Chair and Rasheed Gray was the only member who had submitted their name for Vice-Chair.

Ms. Dahl opened nominations from the floor for Chair. Hearing none, nominations were closed. Voting was conducted and the results were unanimous. Ms. Narnike Pierre-Grant was announced as Chair of the Diversity Committee.

The newly appointed 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.

**PRESENTATION**

A presentation by Ernie Lozano, Director, Behavioral Threat Management, was on the Impact of House Bill 543; State Rule 6A-1.0019 Threat Management was followed by questions from the committee members.

**DIVERSITY COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES**

The Chair requested that the committee choose a subcommittee(s) from the list provided to the members.

Below are members who have been selected to sit on District Committees.

<u>Disciplinary Committee</u>	<u>Calendar Committee</u>	<u>Technology Committee</u>
Teresa Williams	Rasheed Gray	TBA
Rasheed Gray (Proxy)	Corey Shearer (Proxy)	

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Dahl reported that the school site visit subcommittee has selected the schools to visit. The visit dates will be provided to the members once they have been chosen. She encouraged the members to attend at least one school this year.

**MOTIONS:**

A motion was made by Ram Tewari, seconded by Carolyn Hardy, to request a quarterly status report in writing is to be submitted to the Diversity Committee about observations made by the site committee, regarding facilities deficits. The motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Fareida Rajkumar, seconded by Ram Tewari, that the Diversity Committee recommend that the Diwali be added to the calendar options for the 2024-2025 school year as a school day off (Nov 1<sup>st</sup>). The motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Rebecca Dahl, seconded by Carolyn Hardy, I move that the School District provide the Diversity Committee with the information on school grades including a breakdown of ethnicity so that the committee can have a chance to study it. The motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Rebecca Dahl, seconded by Carolyn Hardy, I move that the School Board (whoever they are) provide to the Diversity Committee the information on the discipline incidents at all schools by breakdown so that we can look at them and make recommendations. The motion was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

The next Diversity Committee meeting is scheduled for  
Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.