# THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING September 20, 2023

# **Summary**

#### **Members Present**

**Members Absent** 

Matt Walters
Maya Gordon
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Geanny Ruiz (Via Teams) Nathan Cherson (Via Teams) Elaine Engel Ram Tewari

Nancy Fry Nethel Stephens

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Albano, Coordinator, Marion Williams, Committee Liaison, Carlisa Russell, Instructional Facilitator, Lisa Eutsey, Instructional Facilitator, Equity, Diversity & School Climate; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling.

<u>GUEST</u>: Fareida Kajumar; <u>Human Relations Advisors</u>: Ambia Alsop, Britnaey Barzey, Connie McGirt, Jennifer Moser, Kelan M. Williams, Kesia Jean, Kimberly Youngblood, Marielle Hilmers, Natasha Rosas, Tawanna Rowe, Theresa Pugliese

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida Human Relations Committee (HRC) was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Lauderdale Manors Administration Site. The meeting was called to order by Tom Albano at 4:07 p.m. A quorum was not present.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

**Mr. Albano** welcomed the HRC advisors and gave them a brief explanation of their responsibilities. He reported on establishing a quorum, calendar committee responsibilities, and calendar options. **Ms. Russell** shared the two calendar options and summary for the 2024-2025 school year. She also mentioned that a survey will be forwarded to the committee to complete. **Mr. Albano** shared the following changes in procedures; the LGBTQ support guide is no longer; the Inclusive Guide was created that includes: transgender students must use the bathroom of their birth; all clubs must be advertised on the school's website and parent consent is required before the student can join the club; teachers can no longer ask the pronouns of their students; affirm names must be approved by a parent. **Mr. Albano** shared that the statute has changed regarding teaching sexual orientation and gender identity; it is now up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade anything in high school must be in alignment with a content standard. The Equity, Diversity & School Climate department changed the name of Sexual Education to Reproductive Health and Disease Prevention. Discussion followed.

Ms. Fry mentioned she would like to revisit the issue of bullying at schools specifically how the data is currently being collected. She also requested a list of Board Members who have vacant seats on the Human Relations Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Lauderdale Manors Administration Site