

CITY OF WESTLAKE



MINUTES

Education Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Westlake City Hall
4001 Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd.
Westlake, Florida 33470

Board Members:

Anita Kaplan, Chair
Lisa Barron, Vice Chair
Colleen Forlizzi, Board Member
Krystal Lexima, Board Member
Keith Miller, Board Member

City Staff:

Greg Langowski, Councilmember Liaison
Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, City Clerk
Jennifer N. Hankins, Deputy City Clerk
Donald J. Doody, Esq., City Attorney

A meeting of the Education Advisory Board of the City of Westlake was held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM., at Westlake City Hall, 4001 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road. Members of the public also live streamed the meeting through electronic means and accessed as follows:

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anita Kaplan called the Westlake Education Advisory Board meeting of Thursday, January 16, 2025, to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present and constituting a quorum:

Board Member Colleen Forlizzi
Board Chair Anita Kaplan
Board Member Krystal Lexima

Present Online:
Vice Mayor Greg Langowski

Also present:
Jennifer Hankins, Deputy City Clerk

Absent:
Board Vice Chair Lisa Barron
Board Member Keith Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Kaplan led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Kaplan called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Board Member Colleen to approve the agenda for January 16, 2025, seconded by Board Member Lexima.

UPON ROLL CALL:

Board Member Lexima	YES
Board Member Forlizzi	YES
Board Member Kaplan	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (3-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes_Education Advisory Board Meeting - 10.24.2024

Chair Kaplan identified the approval of minutes and called for a motion to approve.

Motion by Board Member Forlizzi to approve the minutes of October 24, 2024, seconded by Board Member Lexima.

UPON ROLL CALL:

Board Member Forlizzi	YES
Board Member Lexima	YES
Board Chair Member Kaplan	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (3-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Board Member Comments/Reports/Updates

Chair Kaplan introduced the item. Chair Kaplan and the Board discussed the item in detail.

B. Board Members Assigned School- report on a School Activity and/or Need

Chair Kaplan introduced the item. Chair Kaplan and the Board discussed the item in detail.

Board Member Forlizzi stated when speaking with the Principal of Golden Grove Elementary, the Principal stated she needed help with the holiday gift shop for the kids. Board Member Forlizzi stated she chose to use her Women's Club to assist over the two-week timeframe because it was quicker than bringing the information to the board and waiting for approval from Council. The deadline and the need for assistance would have passed.

Board Member Forlizzi stated she needed help with vocabulary, the parade, and crafting with the children.

B. Trade Programs, Gifted Programs and Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Programs

Chair Kaplan introduced the item. Chair Kaplan and the Board discussed the item in detail.

C. Strategic Plan Final Review for Council Approval with Action Priorities

Chair Kaplan introduced the item. Chair Kaplan and the Board discussed the item in detail.

E. Potential Culver's Fundraising Program for Schools

Chair Kaplan introduced the item. Chair Kaplan and the Board discussed the item in detail. The Board discussed visiting Westlake businesses for fundraising for the schools.

Board Member Lexima suggested creating a letter for fundraising. The Board agreed to the letter and continued discussing fundraising options.

Board Member Lexima created a sample letter and flyer to present to Council. The Board appointed members to the Restaurants in Westlake to hand out the letter if approved by Council. The Board approved the information to be emailed to Vice Mayor for review and then presented to Council.

F. Interaction with Palm Beach County School Board Meetings

Chair Kaplan introduced the item. Chair Kaplan and the Board discussed the item in detail. Chair Kaplan suggested she would go to the School Board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business discussed.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS/UPDATES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This section of the agenda allows for comments from the public to address the Board. Each speaker will be given a total of three (3) minutes to comment. Please address Board from podium, and prior to addressing the Board, state your name and address for the record.

Chair Kaplan called for public comments.

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Kaplan adjourned the meeting at 7:21 PM

Jennifer Hankins, Deputy City Clerk

Anita Kaplan, Board Chair