

CITY OF WESTLAKE



MINUTES

Education and Youth Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 6:30 PM

Westlake Council Chambers
4005 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, Westlake, Florida
33470

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As a preliminary matter, Ms. McNeil noted that Board Chair Jennifer Bermudez, Lisa Liriano and Wesley Logsdon were present physically. Board Members Robin Medvetz and Julie Acevedo provided previous notice that they would not be in attendance. Alternate Board Member, Earle Wright, was present physically. Student Representative Thomas Karabowski was physically in attendance.

Board Liaison: Vice Mayor Katrina Long-Robinson is present via electronic technology communication [*arrived 6:45 PM*].

Staff members physically in attendance: City Clerk Zoie Burgess and Deputy City Clerk Jomekeyia McNeil.

Ms. McNeil identified the guest speakers on the Agenda, Marcia Andrews and James S. Gavrilos present via electronic communication.

Ms. McNeil provided further instruction regarding public comments, noting that comments will be acknowledged by the Board Chair and accepted at the appropriate times as indicated in the agenda and those who wish to speak may use the "virtual" hand raise feature.

Ms. McNeil provided the disclaimer that the meeting is being recorded by both voice and video, reminding the audience that microphones are live.

Ms. McNeil further explained that microphones will be muted; audience members have the ability to unmute themselves and anyone that has called in should mute their device. Ms. McNeil noted that anyone causing a disruption or being inappropriate will be removed from the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bermudez called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Board Member Lisa Liriano
Board Chair Jennifer Bermudez
Board Member Wesley Logsdon
Alternate member Earl Wright

Also, present:

Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, City Clerk
Jomekeyia McNeil, Deputy City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Bermudez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Chair Bermudez introduced the item.

Chair Bermudez called for motion on Approval of Agenda.

Motion by Board Member Liriano to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alternate Board Member Wright.

UPON ROLL CALL

Board Liriano	YES
Board Chair Bermudez	YES
Alternate Board Member Wright	YES

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

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.

Ms. McNeil noted that no public comment cards was received prior to the meeting.

Ms. McNeil gave the virtual participants a moment to raise a virtual hand or unmute their devices and provided a reminder to state name and address.

There being no further comments, the next item followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2021 - Education and Youth Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2021 - Education and Youth Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Motion by Alternate Board Member Wright to approve the Meeting Minutes.

UPON ROLL CALL

Board Chair Bermudez	YES
Alternate Board Member Wright	YES
Board Liriano	YES

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. School Update/Overview - Osceola Creek Middle School (10 minutes)

Presented by: Principal Brian McClellan

Principal McClellan provided a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the school's history, academic programs, enrolment statistics and athletic and extracurricular opportunities.

B. Discussion/Presentation - Education Foundation of Palm Beach County (10 minutes)

Presented By: President/CEO Mr. James S. Gavrilos

Mr. Gavrilos discussed the work Education Foundation of Palm Beach County with the assistance of Ms. Teresa Debrowski. He explained the work of the foundation that includes grants and supplies provided to the schools.

C. Discussion/Presentation - Opening of Palm Beach County School 2021-2022 (10 minutes)

Presented By: Mrs. Marcia Andrews, District 6 - Palm Beach County School Board

Mrs. Andrews discussed the opening of Palm Beach County Schools and the return of students after COVID. She explained the protocols put in place for the safety of the students and staff. She also discussed the virtual option available to parents that are not comfortable with their kids returning in person.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS/UPDATES

Board members discussed initiating a back-to-school drive for headphones as school is starting soon and there isn't much time to hold a bigger drive.

Additional board discussion regarding bus driver shortages and providing masks for students.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Bermudez adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Zoie P. Burgess, City Clerk

Jennifer Bermudez, Chair