

CITY OF WESTLAKE



MINUTES- DRAFT

Education and Youth Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM

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

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A meeting of the City of Westlake's Education & Youth Advisory Board was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM., at the Westlake Community Center, 4005 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road.

As a preliminary matter, Ms. McNeil noted that Board Chair Jennifer Bermudez, Vice Chair Robin Medvetz, Board Members Julie Acevedo, and Lisa Liriano were present physically. Board Member Wesley Logsdon provided previous notice that he would not be in attendance.

Board Liaison: Vice Mayor Katrina Long- Robinson is present via electronic technology communication.

Staff Members Physically in attendance: City Clerk Zoie Burgess was present via electronic technology communication. Deputy City Clerk Jomekeyia McNeil was present physically.

Board Liaison: Councilwoman Katrina Long-Robinson is present via electronic technology communication.

Ms. McNeil identified the Guest speakers on the Agenda Jessica Bryant and Thomas Karbowski were present via electronic technology communications. Lindsey Ogden provided previous notice that she could not join us this evening.

Ms. McNeil provided further instruction regarding public comments, noting that comments will be acknowledged by the Mayor 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 Jennifer Bermudez called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Board Member Julie Acevedo
Board Member Lisa Liriano
Chair Jennifer Bermudez
Vice Chair Robin Medvetz
Board Member Wesley Logsdon – Absent

Also, present:

Jomekeyia McNeil, Deputy City Clerk
Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, City Clerk - Present via communications media technology

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Bermudez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

There being no Oath of Office, the next item followed.

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 agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Medvetz.

UPON ROLL CALL

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| Chair Bermudez | YES |
| Board Member Liriano | YES |
| Vice Chair Medvetz | YES |
| Board Member Acevedo | YES |

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (4-0).

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 were accepted 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

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Minutes were not approved during Approval of Agenda section.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. School Update/Overview - Osceola Creek Middle School
- B. Discussion/Presentation - Councilwoman Katrina Long-Robinson

Councilwoman Long-Robinson provided an update on the Christ Fellowship site construction and Weitz Construction partnering to allow students attending Seminole Ridge High school to help construct the project. She advised that she would like for the Board to present Principal Dr. James Campbell with the partnership letter when he comes to present before the Board. She mentioned the K-2 Virtual Book Tour; donation of books by Author Christina Platt and mentioned the partnerships for the tour. She noted that the Legislative Session will end in a couple of weeks and commented that the Board could have Attorney Ella Gilbert provide an update on the Education Bills passed if the Board would like. She mentioned that she will be working to have a pop up of food trucks to host teachers and students at the surrounding area schools. She welcomes the Boards input to advise which schools to include to have food trucks. She encouraged the Board to join Mrs. Andrews District 6 of the Palm Beach County School District on April 28th by listening in on the Virtual Listening Session on the 5-year Strategic Plan. She thanked the Board and said that she looks forward to working with the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There being no Unfinished Business to approve, the next item followed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Selecting Student Youth Representative

Chair Bermudez introduced the item and introduced applicant Jessica Bryant.

Ms. Burgess advised that the Board can ask each applicant to speak about their school, studies and elaborate on their application.

Jessica Bryant provided an overview of the clubs, classes and activities she is a member and advised what she can offer as the Student Representative.

Board Member Liriano inquired with Ms. Bryant why she would like to be the Student Representative.

Ms. Bryant responded that she could gather information from the students on what can be improved and communicate the information with the Board.

Chair Bermudez inquired if Lindsay Ogden was present.

Ms. McNeil advised that Ms. Ogden provided prior notice that she was not able to attend and noted that her application and resume is before the Board for review.

The Board reviewed Ms. Ogden's application packet.

Board Member Acevedo asked Ms. Bryant what she could offer to younger students as a young leader if the students need help.

Ms. Bryant responded that she could offer tours around the campus, introduce students to new clubs, sports and encourage the students to join the Student Government Association Club (SGA) and stated the reasons to join the club.

Ms. McNeil advised the Board to ask the same questions to all applicants.

Chair Bermudez asked the Board if more time is needed to review Ms. Ogden's application or move on to the next applicant.

Ms. Acevedo advised that she guess that the Board could move on.

Board Chair Bermudez introduced the next applicant, Thomas Karbowski.

Thomas Karbowksi thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. He provided an overview of his accomplishments, volunteer work in the community and mentioned the ideas that he has.

Chair Bermudez asked Mr. Karbowksi why he wants to serve on the Board as the Student Representative.

Mr. Karbowski advised that he has an inside view of the City as he is a resident and said that he has ideas and events for all age groups.

Board Member Acevedo commented that gathering ideas for the older and younger groups would be great.

Mr. Karbowski commented that he has an idea to tutor the younger students.

Board Member Acevedo advised that this is a great idea.

Board discussion.

Ms. McNeil explained the next steps to the Board in the selection process.

Chair Bermudez disclosed to the Board that she did teach one of the students before the Board. She commented that the Board may want to have a student who resides in the community as they may have a different point of view.

Board Member Acevedo thanked both applicants for presenting.

Board Chair Bermudez thanked the applicants.

Vice Chair Medvetz disclosed that she is the current teacher for all three applicants and would be abstaining from the vote.

The Board ranked each applicant in order as follows:

- 1st Thomas Karbowski
- 2nd Jessica Bryant
- 3rd Lindsay Ogden

Board Member Liriano thanked all the applicants for applying and commented that she knows it is not easy. She advised Ms. Bryant to keep up the work with the Women Empowerment.

On Motion by Board Member Acevedo to select Thomas J. Karbowski as the Student Representative, seconded by Board Member Liriano.

UPON ROLL CALL:

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| Board Chair Bermudez | YES |
| Board Member Acevedo | YES |
| Board Member Liriano | YES |

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS/UPDATES

Chair Bermudez opened the floor for comments, reports, updates.

Ms. McNeil advised that the Board will need to determine the next meeting date. She noted that the Ordinance states that the Board must meet at least quarterly.

Chair Bermudez suggested to meet quarterly in order to give the Board the ability to get out in the community, obtain speakers and have principals present.

Ms. McNeil noted the memo provided to Board that provides a listing of initiatives taken on by other area Education and Youth Advisory Boards in the last year.

Board discussion on meeting dates and times.

Darlene Karbowski, 5948 Buttonbush Drive - Ms. Karbowski commented that all principals and administrators take July 4th off.

Board Member Acevedo inquired whether the whole week is taken off.

Ms. Karbowski responded she would have to look at the calendar.

Chair Bermudez inquired if items for meetings can be discussed now or later.

Ms. McNeil advised that the Board could discuss it now or each member can email items to be added to the Agenda for July.

Chair Bermudez said that that she would like to have the Zoning and future projections for the area from the Palm Beach County School District (PBCSD) placed on the next Agenda.

Ms. McNeil advised that she reach out to Mr. Link with the PBCSD regarding Zoning and future projections.

Ms. McNeil clarified the meeting date of July 1st to be set as the next meeting date.

Board Member Liriano advised that mid-July would be good to have a meeting.

Board Member Acevedo suggested July 15th.

The Board made consensus meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 PM with the next meeting date to be held on July 15th.

Ms. McNeil clarified the next meeting date of July 15th at 6:30 PM and that she will reach out to Mr. Link regarding presenting before the Board.

There being no further comments, the next item followed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Bermudez adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.

Jomekeyia McNeil, Deputy City Clerk

Chair Jennifer Bermudez